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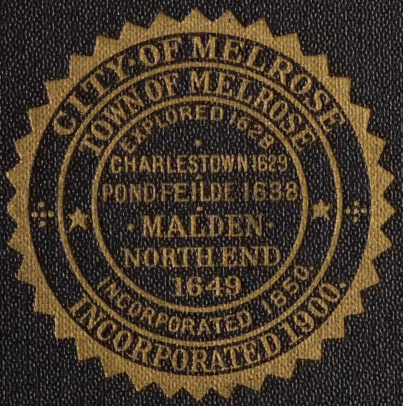

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GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MELROSE

Mayor

LAWRENCE W. LLOYD
169 Laurel Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

FRANK B. McLAUGHLIN
15 Stevens Road

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW
5 Taylor Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Walter W. Bruce, 260 W. Wyoming Avenue
Allen B. Copeland, 69 East Street
Robert S. Love, 15 Sewell Woods Road
Paul S. Vaitses, Jr., 97 Larchmont Road

Ward Aldermen

1. Frank B. McLaughlin, 15 Stevens Road
2. J. Henry Otis, 37 Lovell Road
3. Burt A. Macy, 50 Youle Street
4. Raymond E. Campbell, 75 Sheffield Road
5. Richard H. McIntosh, 86 Derby Road
6. John A. Lavender, Jr., 45 E. Foster Street
7. Philip L. Wadland, 97 Whitman Avenue

6-26-56 City Clerk's Office

STANDING COMMITTEES
of the
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
1956

Appropriations

Alderman Allen B. Copeland, Chairman;
Alderman Paul S. Vaitses, Jr., Vice Chairman
Aldermen Bruce, Love, Otis, Macy, Campbell, McIntosh,
Lavender, Wadland

Finance

Alderman John A. Lavender, Jr., Chairman;
Aldermen Copeland, Otis, Bruce, Campbell

Highways

Alderman Raymond E. Campbell, Chairman;
Aldermen Bruce, Copeland, Otis, Lavender

Legal and Legislative Matters

Alderman J. Henry Otis, Chairman;
Aldermen Campbell, Lavender, Copeland, Bruce

Education, Health and Public Welfare

Alderman Richard H. McIntosh, Chairman;
Aldermen Macy, Vaitses, Wadland, Love

Protection and License

Alderman Robert S. Love, Chairman;
Aldermen Vaitses, Macy, McIntosh, Wadland

Public Service

Alderman Philip L. Wadland, Chairman;
Aldermen McIntosh, Macy, Vaitses, Love

Clerk of Committees

Stanley G. Bunker 275 Upham Street

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Acting under the authority of Section one hundred and ten A of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, inserted therein by Chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the Acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays:

The offices of the city clerk, city collector, engineer and superintendent of public works, board of assessors, board of health, board of public welfare, city treasurer, city auditor, building commissioner and veterans' services.

Except during the months of July and August and on legal holidays, the aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. and on all other Monday evenings from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. (Revised Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-3.)

CITY OFFICERS

BOARD OF APPEAL

W. Jarvis Lowe, Chairman	Term expires 1957
Harry Brettell	Term expires 1961
Melvin R. Jenney	Term expires 1957
S. Francis Kimberley	Term expires 1961
E. Franklin Reed	Term expires 1959

Edwin H. King, Clerk

ASSESSORS

Norman D. MacDonald, Chairman	Term expires 1957
Lewis C. Hennigar	Term expires 1958
Henry L. Restall	Term expires 1959

Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Secretary
and Director of Assessments

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Commissioner

Malcolm G. Fillmore

Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Everett G. Dow

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

William J. McClintock, Chairman

Joseph Casey — Arthur D. King

Howard O. Milton, Superintendent

CITY AUDITOR

Arthur M. Goddard

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

City Clerk

Raymond H. Greenlaw

Assistant City Clerk

E. Maude Brown

CITY PHYSICIAN

Vacant

CITY SOLICITOR

A. Van Allen Thomason

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

S. Homer Buttrick

CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

Chester M. Cummings, Director

CONSTABLES

Robert A. Lloyd — George D. MacWilliams

Guy A. Storer

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

Arthur M. Goddard, Chairman	Statutory
Robert L. Hutchinson	Term expires 1958
Walter Jones	Term expires 1959

DOG OFFICER

Dr. Ernest W. Rivers (resigned)

Dr. Sely A. Kay

ENGINEER AND SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Glen S. Weeks

FENCE VIEWERS

Clyde O. Bailey — Arthur L. Marr

Robert R. Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief

Office Vacant

Fire Warden

Sidney C. Field

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

Dr. Oakly R. Jones, Chairman	Term expires 1957
Lawrence E. Simpson	Term expires 1958
Paul E. Troy	Term expires 1959

Helen F. Adams, Agent

Sanitary Inspector

John J. Devine

School Physicians

Dr. John S. Graf
Dr. Thomas M. Hearne
Dr. George R. Murphy

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Stanley A. Riggs (Acting)

MAYOR'S SECRETARY

Blanche E. Nickerson

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL BUILDING

Dr. Harold L. Margeson, Chairman	Term expires 1959
Robert T. Boynton	Term expires 1958
Leslie B. Ellis	Term expires 1957
Orlando W. Foss	Term expires 1957
Louis K. McNally	Term expires 1958

Blanche E. Nickerson, Secretary

PARK COMMISSION

Harold W. Poole, Chairman	Term expires 1961
John T. Brady	Term expires 1960
John H. Kelly	Term expires 1958
Edgar A. Perry	Term expires 1957
Kenneth G. Swindell	Term expires 1959
Benjamin R. Vaughan (died July 1, 1956)	

Francis J. Meehan, Superintendent

PERSONNEL BOARD

Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman	Term expires 1959
Horace H. Feltham	Term expires 1957
Robert F. Goodspeed	Term expires 1959
John F. McHale	Term expires 1957
Frederick S. Nichols	Term expires 1958

TRUSTEES OF PINE BANKS PARK

Parker Converse, President
Eaton H. Perkins, Vice-President
Charles H. Gilmore, Secretary
Robert A. Hodgdon, Treasurer
Fred Lamson (Mayor of Malden)
Lawrence W. Lloyd (Mayor of Melrose)
Dana F. Batting
George W. Cray, Superintendent

PLANNING BOARD

John E. Buddington, Chairman	Term expires 1961
Merion E. Hartzell, Secretary	Term expires 1958
Philip E. Brown	Term expires 1960
Herbert R. Corey	Term expires 1957
Lillian V. Macdonald	Term expires 1958
Kenneth L. Maclachlan	Term expires 1961
Jay J. Martin, Jr.	Term expires 1960
Walter V. Robinson	Term expires 1959
Ronald H. Winde	Term expires 1959

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain-in-Charge
George D. MacWilliams

Lieutenant
Robert A. Lloyd

Keeper of the Lock-up
George D. MacWilliams

PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

S. Homer Buttrick, Chairman
Malcolm G. Fillmore, Clerk
Norman D. MacDonald

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Herbert L. Hammond, Chairman	Term expires 1957
William L. Carney	Term expires 1958
Edwin W. Lundquist	Term expires 1959
Elisabeth M. Perkins	Term expires 1958
Elinor H. Tibbetts	Term expires 1959
Howard B. Wilder	Term expires 1957

Helen Anderson, Librarian

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Vivian B. Adams	Term expires 1957
Gertrude M. Curtin	Term expires 1958
John W. Huse	Term expires 1959
William J. Neely	Term expires 1957

Mary J. Melville, Agent

RECREATION COMMISSION

John T. Brady, Chairman	Term expires 1959
Herbert R. Corey	Term expires 1957
Lewis H. Keith	Term expires 1959
John M. Kirk	Term expires 1958
Margaret B. Restall	Term expires 1958
Howard R. True	Term expires 1957
One vacancy	

Charles V. Tousley, Director

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Board Members

Edward J. Murphy, Chairman	Term expires 1959
Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk	Ex-officio
Fergus W. Griffin	Term expires 1958
Charles E. Holt	Term expires 1957

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Katherine D. Boynton	Mary A. McHatton
Helen D. Brackett	Grace F. Mitchell
Margaret F. Brennan	Frances M. O'Connell
Mary H. Condell	Alicia M. Roman
Helena E. Dolaher	Helen P. Sykes
Helen L. Duke	Augustine J. Twomey
Barbara H. Gove	Gertrude E. White
George W. Jepson, Jr.	Mary R. Winslow

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Committee Members

Lloyd E. Conn, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Howard R. True, Cor. Sec'y.	Term expires 1958
Wilbur H. Burnham, Jr.	Term expires 1956
Ralph W. Daffinee	Term expires 1956
Robert A. Friend	Term expires 1958
Dorothy L. Grant (resigned Feb. 4, 1956)	
B. Natalie Urban	Term expires 1958
Donald A. Welch	Term expires 1958
Ronald H. Winde, Jr.	Term expires 1960
Leighton H. York	Term expires 1960

Superintendent of Schools

Harold T. Rand

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Oscar D. Knight

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veteran's Agent

H. Leslie Trickey

Inspector of Veterans Graves

Henry F. Weiler

Advisory Board for Veterans' Services

Frank C. Gardner
William H. Gibbons (died Mar. 13, 1956)
Louis J. Savarino
Richard H. McIntosh
Harold W. Poole

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXIX of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Melrose, I respectfully submit, herewith, the annual report of the Board of Appeal for the year 1956.

The Board's annual organization meeting was held on January 18, 1956, at which time Mr. W. Jarvis Lowe was elected chairman and Mr. Edwin H. King was re-elected secretary for the ensuing year. The other members of the Board were Messrs. Harry Brettell, S. Francis Kimberley, Melvin R. Jenney, and E. Franklin Reed.

This year the Board held one special and twenty-one regular hearings. The special hearing concerned the removal and storage of loam, and the storage and placing of fill on property owned by the Drinkwater Trust and located on the easterly side of Pleasant Street, north of Goodyear Avenue.

There was considerable controversy over Mr. Drinkwater's operation on this property, and although the board's sympathy favored the property owners in the area, it was decided that Mr. Drinkwater was well within his rights; thus no action was taken to revoke his permit. However, the members of the Board met with Mr. Drinkwater at a later date at which time he agreed to do everything possible to minimize the nuisance.

The twenty-one regular hearings consisted of various types of business extensions, single family conversions, apartment houses and special requests.

A summary of the cases heard and decisions rendered follows:

Appeals granted	18
Appeals denied	2
No action taken	1
Total	21

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin H. King
Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1956:

Taxable Valuation of the City:		
Real Estate	$ 45,642,800.00	
Personal Property	3,392,650.00	
	$ 49,035,450.00	

Tax Rate $58.00 per $1,000.00

BUDGET

City Appropriations:		
To be included in the tax levy	$ 3,702,814.17	
From Available Funds	1,097,855.28	
Total Appropriations		$ 4,800,669.45
State Assessments - 1956 Estimates		
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	$ 1,387.28	
State Examination of Retirement System	162.95	
Smoke Inspection Service	574.98	
Metropolitan Parks	45,249.86	
Metropolitan Sewerage	65,638.60	
Metropolitan Water	56,355.44	
Total 1956 State Estimates		$ 169,369.11
State Assessments - 1955 Underestimates		
Boston Arena Authority	$ 823.16	
Metropolitan Parks	2,289.40	
Total - 1955 State Underestimates		$ 3,112.56
County Assessments - 1956 Estimates		
County Tax	$ 121,012.08	
Tuberculosis Hospital - Actual	30,757.95	
Total 1956 County Estimates		$ 151,770.03
County Assessment - 1955 Underestimates		
County Tax		$ 11,654.83
Hurricane Expenditures		$ 10,235.90
Court Settlement - Sec. 31, Chapter 44		8,500.00
Overlay 1956		$ 56,604.91
Overlay Deficit 1954		1,327.16
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS		$ 5,213,243.95

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

RECAPITULATION OF 1956 TAX RATE

LESS DEDUCTIONS

Estimated Receipts - City 1956		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 311,234.50	
Licenses	6,885.25	
Fines	1,324.20	
Special Assessments	50,675.92	
General Government	11,041.42	
Protection of Persons and Property	1,793.35	
Health and Sanitation	25,001.70	
Highways	7,342.57	
Charities	27,928.05	
Old Age Assistance	187,672.31	
Veterans' Services	17,152.94	
Schools	10,907.75	
Recreation	2,977.35	
Public Service Enterprises	210,444.78	
Cemeteries	12,787.45	
Interest	12,230.33	
Total 1956 Estimated City Receipts		$ 897,399.87
Estimated Receipts - State 1956		
Income Tax	$ 186,241.87	
Corporation Taxes	150,786.15	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	8,856.54	
Hurricane and Flood Assistance	9,000.00	
Total 1956 Estimated State Receipts		$ 354,884.56
State Overestimates - 1955		
Smoke Inspection Service	$ 3.19	
Metropolitan Sewerage	1,104.95	
Total 1955 State Overestimates		$ 1,108.14
Available Funds		$1,097,855.28
TOTAL ALL DEDUCTIONS		$2,351,247.85
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		$2,861,996.10

HOW RAISED

POLLS 8970 @ $2.00	$ 17,940.00	
PERSONAL TAX $ 3,392,650 @ $58.00	196,773.70	
REAL ESTATE $45,642,800 @ $58.00	2,647,282.40	
TOTAL		$2,861,996.10

ADDENDUM

Year	Census	Dwellings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Rate per $1,000	City Appropriation	Sewerage Tax	Other State Levies	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1936	23,924	5,497	7,577	26,544,150	7,966,900	34,511,050	2,145,200	36,656,250	32.00	1,357,988.36 †252,452.98	19,348.97	84,984.35	16,800.00	55,441.81 15,567.21	19,812.19 892.02	1,823,287.89 *635,133.89	1936
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 †138,894.78	22,612.66	86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59 15,608.79	15,889.11 3,167.76	1,620,863.76 *542,322.20	1937
1938	24,050	5,748	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38 †61,646.44	22,916.59	89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70 32,760.51	18,876.83 1,084.67	1,838,109.63 *498,212.67	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500,050	33.80	1,491,463.07 †102,231.21	27,001.39	142,027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46 18,408.73	17,925.87	1,952,776.41 *635,520.72	1939
1940	25,232	5,858	8,191	27,749,950	8,047,250	35,797,200	2,727,800	38,525,000	33.60	1,512,704.20 †57,768.78	28,982.80	81,387.41	92,480.00	49,678.46 18,998.84	29,317.13	1,871,317.62 *560,495.62	1940
1941	25,511	5,926	8,281	27,859,050	7,939,600	35,798,650	2,723,450	38,522,100	31.60	1,475,192.60 †58,077.51	33,226.90	72,049.39	100,485.00	57, 506.55 17,281.83	29,226.58 2,024.83	1,845,071.19 *611,210.83	1941
1942	25,896	5,875	8,486	28,453,600	7,971,250	36,424,850	2,676,750	39,101,600	30.60	1,445,152.91 †104,482.00	30,823.77	71,335.63	91,350.00	48,063.67 17,498.85	27,207.70 580.71	1,836,495.24 *623,014.28	1942
1943	26,649	5,887	8,838	28,698,600	7,931,900	36,630,500	2,729,200	39,359,700	28.40	1,385,174.55 †79,284.55	31,938.34	64,856.13	30,450.00	43,324.31 10,571.89	17,553.72	1,663,153.49 *527,662.01	1943
1944	27,412	5,885	9,195	28,624,500	8,035,950	36,660,450	2,715,900	39,376,350	29.60	1,402,782.15 †199,898.08	29,159.69	80,378.72	76,351.00	51,223.86 12,302.59	18,051.80	1,870,147.89 *686,339.93	1944
1945	27,971	5,881	9,329	28,671,500	7,909,800	36,581,300	2,806,050	39,387,350	29.60	1,499,942.80 †191,089.31	29,762.25	71,522.56	42,908.00	53,313.34 12,375.71	16,286.28 250.00	1,867,450.25 *682,926.69	1945
1946	27,938	5,880	9,324	28,702,200	7,908,350	36,610,550	2,913,000	39,423,550	31.60	1,560,615.98 †182,790.95	34,052.28	39,113.24	31,600.00	62,376.97 10,001.77	17,480.45 312.40	1,938,344.04 *673,981.86	1946
1947	27,761	5,901	9,089	28,973,700	7,916,800	36,890,500	3,093,950	39,984,450	36.00	1,863,980.44 †257,748.14	43,122.85	43,305.96	31,600.00	76,511.38 14,344.76	15,772.18 94.00	2,346,479.71 *888,909.51	1947
1948	27,754	5,977	9,015	29,736,800	7,961,800	37,698,600	3,365,750	41,064,350	42.00	2,336,368.14 †553,127.10	47,646.33	42,435.28	0.00	68,879.51 14,344.76	18,248.39 1,153.11	2,982,202.62 *1,239,469.92	1948
1949	27,928	6,076	9,015	30,599,200	8,041,750	38,640,950	3,630,800	42,271,750	42.00	2,275,091.66 †505,779.95	50,536.79	53,625.77	0.00	86,952.17 19,326.54	25,008.40 625.80	3,016,947.08 *1,223,503.58	1949
1950	27,973	6,156	8,981	31,168,500	8,079,400	39,247,900	3,360,600	42,608,500	42.00	2,453,410.37 †425,385.17	61,384.35	65,614.32	0.00	114,034.08 21,887.19	25,000.00 529.67	3,167,245.15 *1,359,726.15	1950
1951	28,226	6,279	9,019	31,996,700	8,149,350	40,146,050	3,554,250	43,700,300	46.00	2,796,487.39 †200,763.66	60,072.82	54,889.62	0.00	98,478.29 28,422.61	27,000.00 8.40	3,266,122.79 *1,237,870.99	1951
1952	28,313	6,409	9,021	33,242,450	8,234,300	41,476,500	3,219,150	44,695,900	53.80	3,079,186.82 †277,726.82	54,215.99	80,488.60	0.00	123,755.80 †33,788.56	35,450.43 2,061.83	3,686,674.40 *1,263,992.98	1952
1953	28,335	6,506	8,981	34,482,100	8,335,050	42,817,150	3,243,400	46,050,550	52.80	3,128,765.89 †462,019.15	59,101.92	67,226.70	0.00	108,738.00 39,235.21	42,223.07 4,559.03	3,911,868.97 *1,461,909.93	1953
1954	28,538	6,596	8,942	35,242,950	8,345,150	43,588,100	3,342,400	46,920,500	54.40	3,384,078.17 †228,380.89	51,220.61	98,098.80	0.00	109,487.12 34,862.71	41,385.08 523.38	3,948,036.76 *1,377,677.56	1954
1955	29,239	6,720	9,031	36,344,450	8,398,200	44,742,650	3,358,200	48,100,850	55.40	3,489,274.98 † 280,787.04 H 85,661.95	55,468.84	94,415.14	0.00	108,479.00 32,504.32	52,012.81 5,432.79	4,204,036.87 *1,521,187.78	1955
1956	29,304	6,830	8,970	37,211,050	8,431,750	45,642,800	3,392,650	49,035,450	58.00	3,702,814.17 †1,097,855.28 H 10,235.90 C 8,500.00	65,638.60	106,843.07	0.00	132,666.91 30,757.95	56,604.91 1,327.16	5,213,243.95 *2,351,247.85	1956

H Hurricane Exp.
† From Available Funds
* Receipts
C Court Judgment

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed	7,190
Number of Persons assessed for Poll Tax	8,970
Number of Motor Vehicle Excises levied	12,386
Number of Horses assessed upon	10
Number of Dwellings assessed upon	6,830

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

	PERSONAL	REAL ESTATE
City Property Publicly Used	$ 414,900.00	$ 5,524,950.00
City Property Not So Used		73,875.00
Benevolent Institutions	265,000.00	1,011,300.00
Cemeteries	500.00	23,400.00
Charitable Institutions	5,500.00	48,200.00
Houses of Religious Worship	39,500.00	1,513,400.00
Literary Institutions	12,500.00	191,600.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	19,100.00
Parsonages		88,300.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		227,000.00
	$ 740,900.00	$ 8,721,125.00

The following additional assessments were committed:

Motor Vehicle Excise (12,386)		$ 361,815.15
Apportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 13,039.65	
" Sidewalk "	3,125.94	
" Street "	11,830.43	
Water Liens	12,304.37	
Committed Interest	10,257.69	$ 50,558.08
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 38,325.94	
" Sidewalk "	10,929.17	
" Street	78,580.85	$ 127,835.96
Additional Polls (21)		$ 42.00
Recovered from Estates of Deceased Persons		$ 1,394.89

During the year 30,122 items were committed to the Collector.

Respectfully Submitted:

Norman D. MacDonald

Henry P. Ristaee

Lewis C. Hennigar

ANNUAL REPORT
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of the

CITY OF MELROSE

for the

Year Ending December 31st.
1956

Organization of Board
Oakley R. Jones, M.D., Chairman
Paul E. Troy, Atty., Lawrence E. Simpson, Members
Helen F. Adams, Agent

School Physicians
Thomas M. Hearne, M.D. George R. Murphy, M.D.
John S. Graf, M.D.

Public Health Nurses
Johanna P. M. Versteeg, P.H.N. Supervisor
Jane H. Lord, P.H.N., Edith N. Hersam, P.H.N.

Dentist
Ezra J. Kennison, D.M.D.

Dental Hygienists
Dorothy Campbell Eleanor Hovey
Frances Sargent Ruth Stevenson

Inspectors

Sanitary John J. Devine
Animal Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith a review of the health conditions in the city and a statement of the acts of the Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1956.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL -

Mrs. Edith N. Hersam was appointed as public health nurse in this department on January 9, 1956 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Genevieve J. Creeley on December 31, 1956.

Mr. Paul E. Troy was reappointed to the Board of Health for another three year term.

GENERAL HEALTH -

The general health of the community has continued to be excellent. There was a slight increase in the number of births and of deaths. Of the 519 births to Melrose parents, 5 children died under 1 year of age. Of the 334 deaths of all Melrose residents,219 were over 70 years of age. This city had no major epidemics during 1956. Melrose was fortunate in having only one case of poliomyelitis during 1956 and this was a mild non-paralytic form. There were 14 premature infants born with 1 death resulting from this prematurity. Financial aid was given to those indigent parents requiring it.

SCHOOL HEALTH -

The school health program covers physical examinations by the school doctors assisted by the public health nurses in the 11 public and 2 parochial schools. Conferences between the nurses, teachers and parents are held after these examinations. If a child is found to have a defect, every attempt is made to correct or at least improve the defect so that the child may make a good school adjustment. The Dental health portion of the school health program continued during 1956 in full operation. Remedial dentistry was offered to those children having financial need by the clinic dentist at the Coolidge School. The clinic's work was supplemented by the Forsyth Dental Infirmary. Bus transportation was supplied to those attending the latter clinic. The program offering topical application of sodium fluoride to all school children was continued throughout the school year.

A detailed account of this program and the work accomplished in our dental clinic is presented in the Supervising Public Health Nurse's report.

BOARD OF HEALTH

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES -

Poliomyelitis - Melrose participated in the nation wide program holding five clinics in City Hall and administering approximately 3,500 shots. Almost 100% of the local doctors, and student and graduate nurses from the Melrose Hospital gave our overburdened staff a hand. The program could not have been accomplished without the complete cooperation of the various P.T.A. volunteers and the generosity of the Melrose Hospital, State Department of Public Health and the Town of Wakefield for the loan of their syringes. The Melrose Hospital autoclaved all syringes for the five clinics. Melrose had one case of non-paralytic polio in 1956 compared to 23 cases in 1955.

Diphtheria - Not a single case of diphtheria was reported during the year.

Scarlet Fever - There were 26 cases of scarlet fever reported this year compared to 21 cases in 1955.

Tuberculosis - There were 6 new cases reported and 1 death from tubercular infection as compared to 10 cases and 3 deaths in 1955.

Salmonella Infections - Melrose had 6 cases of salmonella reported during 1956.

Measles - There were 10 cases of measles reported in 1956 compared to 983 in 1955.

Rabies Control - 314 dogs were inoculated against rabies in 1956. There were no cases of rabies in the city.

HEALTH EDUCATION -

This program has continued with all personnel participating. Attendance at lectures, conferences, and seminars, is essential to maintain well trained personnel.

SANITATION -

All nuisances reported were investigated and action for correction taken. Unclean premises, garbage strewn over yards, inadequate surface water drainage and illegal dumping were the most frequent complaints. Constant vigilance is required to keep such nuisance complaints at a minimum.

All proposed sub-divisions were inspected for satisfactory drinking water, sewage and surface drainage as prescribed by General Laws.

Our bakeries received the required semi-annual inspections, and objectionable practises were called to the owners' attention.

All milk sold in the city was tested and cultured periodically and found acceptable. Milk sold in this city is pasteurized, thus protecting the community from the several milk borne diseases.

Sanitary inspection of restaurants, drug stores and stores selling food and soft drinks consumed on the premises were made and in general found to meet standard requirements.

All applications for cesspools were inspected and permits granted only to those who met the required specifications according to the rules and regulations of this department.

All known stables, animal pens, chicken yards, etc. were inspected.

Three inspections were made of the one Motel in Melrose and conditions found to be excellent.

We continued the spraying for the control of mosquitoes.

RECOMMENDATIONS -

Our previous recommendations are as follows: a more adequate office, a laboratory and clinic space are most urgently needed. At present, only one room is available for a staff of 6 full-time employees and 8 part-time employees. There is no laboratory available for the Sanitary Inspector and his examinations are being made in a laboratory outside the city. A conference room for the nurses to interview privately the many mothers who call on them regarding their family health problem is necessary.

BOARD OF HEALTH

In presenting this report for 1956, we wish to express our appreciation for the courtesy of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and to the various departments for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Ivers ..... Board of

Lawrence E. Simpson ..... Health of

Oakley G. P. Jones ..... Melrose

TABLE I

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1956	Totals 1956	1955	Totals 1955
Total Appropriation		$43,649.26		$42,140.28
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries & Wages		$25,213.48		$24,209.85
Chairman	$ 2,837.90		$ 2,696.19	
Board Members	133.80		115.15	
Health Agent	3,476.28		3,261.12	
Substitute Agent	150.00		100.00	
School Physicians	1,650.75		1,567.32	
Public Health Nurses	11,616.34		11,405.11	
Inspector of Animals	743.00		705.69	
Sanitary Inspector	4,605.41		4,359.27	
Other Expenses		1,747.34		1,671.65
Telephone	285.55		245.63	
Car Allowance-Public Health Work @ 8¢ per mile	1,213.92		1,204.00	
Postage & Express	51.60		27.10	
Office Supplies	98.70		85.41	
Sundries & Printing	97.57		109.51	
Tuberculosis		4,153.39		2,382.30
Outside Aid	354.39		351.30	
Board & Supplies in Hospital	3,799.00		2,031.00	
Quarantine & Contagious Disease		185.60		585.15
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals		400.00		341.00
Immunization of Dogs		277.80		352.88
Dental Clinic		7,310.50		6,266.15
Salaries & Wages	6,487.30		5,470.74	
Administrative Expense	823.20		795.41	
Transportation-Children Dental Clinic		598.00		600.00
Care of Premature Infants		541.47		813.70
Laboratory & Educational Expense		88.74		272.83
Mosquito Suppression		1,969.24		2,341.96
Polio Clinic		399.02		177.11
Total Expenditures		$42,884.58		$40,014.58
Revenues of Board of Health*		$ 1,960.42		$ 3,015.99
Licenses and Permits	278.50		247.50	
Reimbursements	1,524.92		2,561.49	
Dog Clinic	157.00		207.00	

*Not available for use

TABLE II

DEATHS IN MELROSE (INCLUDING MELROSE HOSPITAL) CLASSIFIED AS TO CAUSE

		MALES	FEMALES
I.	Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	2	1
II.	Cancer and Other Tumors	31	41
III.	Rheumatism, Diseseas of Nutrition & of the Endocrine Glands. Other Gen.Diseases & Avitaminoses	2	0
IV.	Diseases of the Blood & Blood-forming Organs	0	1
VI.	Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	14	34
VII.	Diseases of the Circulatory System	88	89
VIII.	Diseases of the Respiratory System	10	12
IX.	Diseases of the Digestive System	6	9
X.	Diseases of the Genito-urinary System	11	9
XV.	Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	8	4
XVII.	Violent or Accidental Deaths	3	4
XVIII.	Ill-defined & Unknown Causes	8	9

There were 16 stillbirths in 1956 in Melrose

Deaths of all persons in Melrose.....Males.. 183
Females 213
Total 396

There were 5 stillbirths to Melrose residents in 1956

Deaths of all Melrose residents..... Males 153
(exclusive of stillbirths) Females 181
Total 334

Of these deaths, children under one year..... 5
Persons over seventy years..... 219

TABLE III

INFANT MORTALITY TO ALL MELROSE PARENTS

Year	Live Births	Deaths Infants under one year	Infant mortality per 1000 Live Births
1956	519	5	9.6

Children born in Melrose to Melrose parents.....330
(Including 3 stillbirths)
Children born elsewhere to Melrose parents.....189
(Including 2 stillbirths)
Children born in Melrose to non-residents.....903
(Including 13 stillbirths)

Total (Including stillbirths)..... 1422

POPULATION JANUARY 1, 1956 - 29,304

Apparent death rate 1956 per 1,000 population..... 11.4

TABLE IV

CASES & DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

	Polio-mye litis		Diph-theria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lobar Pneum-onia		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis Pul. & Miliary		Tuberculosis Menin-geal		Tuberculosis Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1947	1	0	1	0	11	0	0	0	146	1	9	2	56	0	5	4	1	0	0	0
1948	1	0	1	0	9	0	1	0	166	0	12	0	19	0	9	5	0	0	1	2
1949	25	2	0	0	19	0	0	0	414	0	1	0	33	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
1950	3	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	45	0	3	0	47	0	11	2	0	0	0	0
1951	2	0	1	0	12	0	1	0	66	0	1	0	2	0	12	3	0	0	0	0
1952	5	1	1	0	15	0	0	0	608	0	1	0	9	0	5	3	0	0	1	0
1953	6	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	7	0	4	4	0	0	1	0
1954	4	0	2	0	17	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	33	0	3	2	0	0	0	1
1955	23	1	0	0	21	0	0	0	983	0	0	0	8	0	10	2	0	0	0	1
1956	1	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	5	1	0	0	1	0

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF NURSING

Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the public health nursing report for the year 1956:

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL -

12 monthly immunization clinics were held for children under 6 years of age for the prevention of diphtheria-whooping cough-tetanus.

46 children received the triple dose
35 children received the booster dose

5 polio clinics were held under the able direction of Dr. Joel M. Johnson at City Hall. The clinics were staffed by volunteer doctors, nurses and lay persons.

The distribution of the polio vaccine to the private physicians was under the direction of the Agent, Miss Helen F. Adams.

3,479 first and second doses were given to all children under 20 years of age.

TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL -

The nurses made 215 visits to 61 patients and 170 visits to 115 contacts and suspects. The visits are made for the purpose of treatments, re-appointments for physicial examinations, chest X-rays and encouragement.

A total of 74 appointments for chest X-rays and examinations were made as follows:

At Middlesex County Sanatorium:
5 patients
18 contacts
24 suspects

At North Reading Sanatorium:
1 patient
5 contacts
17 suspects

At Melrose Hospital:
1 patient
1 contact
2 suspects

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM -

The 13 schools were visited twice weekly by the public health nurses. The school physicians examined 1,106 pupils and screened 12 pupils who needed special attention or had newly entered.

The nurses made:

1,002	visits to schools
700	visits to homes
3,118	interviews with teachers
7,603	interviews with pupils
3,118	interviews with groups
20	teacher-nurse conferences
4	talks to classrooms
4	children received the triple dose of diphtheria-whooping cough and tetanus
11	children received the booster dose
703	children received the Salk polio vaccine
482	children received the " " booster dose
822	hearing tests (by volunteers) at St.Mary's
102	hearing re-tests (by school nurse) at St.Mary's
20	pupils were referred to the Lions Club for re-examination and glasses
5	school buildings were inspected

The nurses attended 10 Parent-Teacher-Association Meetings.

The census of handicapped children revealed that there were 68 handicapped children on our register.

Definition of a handicapped child:

Effects of poliomyelitis
Bone and joint tuberculosis
Congenital defects
Cardiac conditions
Accidents and burns
Cleft palate and hairlip

89 visits were made to the homes to assure that the parents were using the facilities available such as hospitalization, laboratory and X-ray, artificial limbs, provision of braces, etc.

Those of school age unable to attend school, receive the services of a visiting teacher. Lip reading classes are provided for the hard of hearing under the school department. It is our aim to see that each child is adequately cared for either through private medical care or through clinics.

GENERAL HEALTH SUPERVISION -

4	visits to 4 expectant mothers
8	visits to 8 mothers and babies
9	visits to 9 infants under 1 year of age
70	visits to 45 pre-school children
700	visits to 539 school children
2	visits to acute communicable diseases
1	visit to 1 polio case
28	visits to 7 salmonellosis cases
38	visits to 30 adult welfare patients
8	nursing homes investigated
1	kindergarten investigated
78	social service visits
39	hot home visits

DENTAL PROGRAM -

Two meetings were held with the Mayor's Dental Committee with the clinic dentist and dental hygienists present.

Dr. Ezra J. Kennison, clinic dentist examined 104 pupils.

199 pupils were treated
89 pupils had work completed
73 extractions
1091 fillings
27 plastic fillings
3 X-rays taken

The dental hygienists cleaned the teeth of 1,539 pupils of Grades 2-4-6-8 followed by 6,153 sodium fluoride treatments.

127 visits were made for supervision of the clinics.

Approximately 300 pupils were not treated due to personnel shortage.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES-

83 conferences and interviews with State, Social and Welfare Agencies.
1 Talk to Teachers about School Nursing Program
21 Institute Meetings (as follows)

1 Amherst Health Conference (2 days)
1 Teacher Supervisors Meeting
1 All day State School-health
1 Red Cross Medical
2 Dental Committees
2 Metropolitan State Officers' Meetings
3 State Welfare Meetings
1 School Budget Meeting
1 Red Cross Annual Meeting
8 Red Cross Monthly Meetings

I wish to thank the civic, social and health organizations for their generous cooperation and assistance rendered during the past year.

The Salvation Army
The Red Cross Ames Fund
The School Department
The Local Tuberculosis Association
The District Health Office
The Melrose Hospital
The Parent-Teachers Associations
The Town of Wakefield
The Lions Club

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna P. M. Versteeg
Johanna P. M. Versteeg, P.H.N.
Supervising Public Health Nurse.

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Sanitary Inspector herewith submits his annual report from January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956:

INSPECTION OF MILK

INSPECTION:	
Pasteurizing Plants	34
Dairies within city limits	1
Ice Cream Plants	19
SAMPLES COLLECTED:	
Market Milk	60
Grade "A" Milk	25
Homogenized Milk	99
Special Milk	15
Cream	36
Ice Cream	61
LABORATORY REPORT:	
Chemical analysis of milk and cream (found below standard, 6)	224
Bacteriological examination of milk and cream (found below standard, 11)	466
Coliform count, milk and ice cream (found below standard, 33 milk, 16 ice cream)	294
Chemical analysis of ice cream (found below standard, 0)	57
Bacteriological examination of mix and ice cream (found below standard, 5)	244
Phosphatase test (found positive, 2)	241

DAILY RETAIL SALES MILK PRODUCTS
(Dealers' Declaration)

Pasteurized milk	16,296 qts.
Certified Pasteurized Milk	25 qts.
Cream	742 qts.

LICENSES AND PERMITS.

Milk and Oleomargerine, stores and dealers	136
Pasteurization Plants	1
Ice Cream Manufacturing Permits	3
Ice Cream Sales Permits	84

GEOMETRICAL AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR 1956

GRADE "A" MILK

Dealer	Milk Fat	Plate Count
State Standard	4.00	10,000
Happy Valley Dairy	5.35	400
Kiley Farm	4.40	1,000
Prescott, J. B. & Co	4.30	1,000
Seven Oaks Dairy	5.27	4,000
Spears, Clinton W.	4.80	500
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	4.24	2,000
Whiting Milk Company	4.20	2,500

MARKET AND HOMOGENIZED MILK

State Standard	3.35	40,000
Market:		
Brennan, Horace	4.04	3,000
Cummings, B. L., Inc	4.25	5,000
Fallon, W. J. & Son	3.80	1,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	3.84	2,000
Kiley Farm	4.01	2,000
Seven Oaks Dairy	3.97	3,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	4.03	2,000
Ware Dairy	4.17	2,000
Weiss Farm	3.93	700
Homogenized:		
Brookside (First National Store)	3.90	1,500
Buttrick, David	4.25	1,500
Fallon, W. J. & Son	3.75	1,000
Hanley & Sons	4.00	1,000
Happy Valley Dairy	3.72	8,000
Herlihy Brothers, Inc	3.70	3,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	3.80	1,500
Palmer, Harry	4.30	2,500
Prescott, J. B. & Co	3.99	930
Quinn Farmy Dairy	4.00	760
Seven Oaks Dairy	3.90	6,500
Simmons, C. L.	3.85	1,500
Spears, Clinton W.	4.02	6,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	3.91	3,000
United Farmers of New England	3.90	1,500
Weiss Farm	3.78	1,000

INSPECTION OF FOOD

INSPECTIONS:

Common Victuallers	164
Stores-Lord's Day and Food	101
Stores-Drug	71
Bakeries	31
Nuisance Complaints	66
Restaurants ordered closed	1
House Condemned	1
Number of investigations made concerning complaints	181
Animal permits granted	18
Animal permits inspected	76
Health Violation-Court Hearing	1
Methyl & Wood Alcohol Licenses issued	37
Cesspool inspections	69
Cesspool permits issued	8
Water samples (found contaminated...2)	12
Bacteriological examination of eating utensils (Common Victuallers and Soda Fountains)	439

(found above 100 plate count, 125)

Foods Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption:
Meat.....2½ lbs.

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1956

	Bacterial Count			Scoring
	Dishes	Glasses	Silverware	Grade
Federal Standard (not over)	100	100	100	
COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES:				
Bellevue Golf Club	80	56	63	92.5%
Brigham's Inc	15	6	23	98.
Emerson Grille	19	38	8	92.5
Franklin Square Restaurant	31	81	57	87.
F. W. Woolworth's	27	8	94	93.
Garvey's Inc	130	Paper S.	18	91.
Golden Gate Restaurant	18	15	20	89.
Hopkins	110	89	67	93.5
Jerry's Lunch	10	25	13	90.
Lee's Ice Cream	81	105	28	95.
The Lobster Shop	51	27	110	90.
Lou's Lunch	99	50	140	92.5
Melrose Donut Shop	63	105	45	95.
Melrose Hospital Coffee Shop	22	23	6	93.
Mt. Hood Golf Club	68	16	18	92.
Pine Banks Refreshment Stand	21	160	100	90.5
Pondview Restaurant	36	7	16	97.
Reagent Delicatessen	7	10	4	91.5
Reynolds Lunchonette	28	120	44	89.2
Schopell's Cafeteria	130	340	130	80.7
Stearns & Hill	20	14	58	97.
FOUNTAIN SERVICE STORES:				
Austin Pharmacy		15	14	
Bells Pharmacy		Paper S.	2	
Berston Pharmacy		30	11	
Emerson Pharmacy		3	8	
Franklin Spa		Paper S.	18	
Grove Pharmacy		" "	59	
Haslam Drug		7	3	
Hill & Co		Paper S.	41	
York Pharmacy		80	3	
Roger Pharmacy		49	4	
R. & M. Varjabedian		44	12	
Transitron Inc		Paper S.	53	

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Devine

John J. Devine
Sanitary Inspector.

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Board of Health,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the City of Melrose, I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Sixty-five (65) dogs were examined and quarantined for rabies observation as having inflicted injury by biting or scratching persons. There were no cases of rabies in the City this year.

All barns housing horses were inspected and found to be in good condition.

There are no cattle within the City.

Respectfully submitted,
Cornelius Thibeault
Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.N.
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Building Department respectfully submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1956.

The building, plumbing, and gas permits issued during the year are classified below:

No.	Classification	Estimated Cost
92	Single Dwellings	$ 111,500.00
57	Reshingles	17,775.00
71	Alterations (Dwelling)	68,165.00
18	Alterations (Other)	126,375.00
20	Garages	14,954.00
1	Restoration of fire damage	6,000.00
2	Tank installations	900.00
32	Demolitions	00
3	Relocations	00
1	Addition to Fitch Home	30,000.00
1	Church addition	12,000.00
1	Church building	35,000.00
1	School building	418,560.00
2	Tool sheds	500.00
1	Apartment building	20,000.00
1	Swimming pool	5,000.00
1	Service station	15,000.00
1	Dental building	7,500.00
1	Beauty shop	10,000.00
1	Elevator	5,000.00
1	Foundation only	400.00
	Conversions:	
3	Single to 2-family dwelling	4,700.00
1	Three-family to 4-family dwelling	1,000.00
313	Building Permits	$ 910,329.00
PLUMBING AND GAS DIVISION:		
106	Permits to do plumbing in new buildings	$ 123,950.00
504	Permits to replace plumbing in old buildings	119,895.00
101	Permits for the addition of plumbing in old buildings	43,873.00
3	Permits for the conversion of dwellings	2,600.00
3	Permits for new sewer connections in old buildings that require plumbing	360.00
717	Plumbing Permits	$ 290,678.00
240	Gas Permits	$ 23,385.00

Number of plumbing fixtures installed	1,111
Number of visits of inspection for plumbing	2,020
Number of water tests for plumbing	1,293
Number of gas fits installed	103
Number of gas appliances installed	288
Number of gas mains installed	1
Number of visits and tests on gas work	314

A total sum of $3,350.15 was received by the Building Department from January 1 to December 31, 1956 for building, plumbing, and gas permit fees, code books, zoning maps, and Board of Appeal applications.

313	Building permits	$ 1,770.50
717	Plumbing permits	1,158.50
240	Gas Permits	184.50
15	Zoning maps	3.75
73	Code books	32.90
20	Board of Appeal applications	200.00
	Total	$ 3,350.15

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin L. Filmore
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Cemetery Committee herewith submits the report of the Cemetery Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The activities at the cemetery during the past year have consisted mainly of the usual routine of making interments, care and repair of the grounds in general, including considerable regrading and seeding some of the older areas, trimming trees and removing a few which had become unsightly because of age and storm damage. Also, some shrubbery has been removed because it had become overgrown and detrimental to the surroundings.

Up to date we have been very fortunate that the Dutch Elm disease has not attacked our elms.

Eighty new maples have been planted in the new sections and in a few years should materially beautify that area adjacent to Lebanon Street. It is planned to plant a few more during the coming year, both in this section and throughout the grounds where old ones have been removed.

The old pond site has finally been brought to final grade. Much of it has been loamed and some seeded. It is hoped to have the entire section finished in the very near future and we will then have approximately an acre of very choice lots for sale.

The only remaining major project that the department has to contend with is the repairing of the wall along Sylvan Street which has settled. It is planned to attend to this work whenever we can arrange to do it cooperatively with the Public Works.

During the year, six old lots were placed in Perpetual Care and the money received has been deposited in the Trust Fund.

The amount in the Trust Fund is as follows:

December 31, 1955	$288,904.36
December 31, 1956	$296,384.90

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation of various city departments during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Thos. J. McAlistate

Dec. 31, 1956. The Cemetery Committee

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Cemetery Committee,
Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1956:

Interments:

Adults	198
Children, 12 yrs. or under	9
Cremated remains	15
Total for 1956	222
Total Interments to January 1, 1957	16,552

Sale of Lots:

Sold during the year	15
Total number sold to January 1, 1957	2,640

Sale of Graves:

Sold during the year	78
Total number sold to January 1, 1957	4,796
Number of Lots under Perpetual Care	1,935
Number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care	3,236
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1957, Regular, Sections D, H and 2	29
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1957, in Sections 4 and 5	162
Old Lots placed in Perpetual Care	6

Respectfully submitted,

Howard D. Milton,

Superintendent.

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1956

Appropriations and Transfers:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$36,290.42		
Order 11817-A.	1,294.52	$37,584.94	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		6,000.00	
Road Construction: Balance from 1955		1,495.44	
Pond Filling & Draining		323.67	
Drainage.		225.13	
Grave Liners.	$ 1,500.00		
Order 12014.	760.80	2,260.80	
Toro Power Lawn Mower		1,190.00	
Chapel Tent		483.00	
New Typewriter.		207.50	
Planting Trees and Landscaping.		500.00	$50,270.48

Expenditures:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages		$36,702.56	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		5,815.43	
Grave Liners.		2,258.85	
Toro Power Lawn Mower		1,171.10	
Chapel Tent		480.96	
New Typewriter.		194.14	
Planting Trees and Landscaping.		443.00	47,066.04

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1956:			
Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$ 882.38		
Maintenance: Other Expenses	184.57		
Grave Liners.	1.95		
Toro Power Lawn Mower	18.90		
Chapel Tent	2.04		
New Typewriter.	13.36	$ 1,103.20	
To Lot & Grave Sales Fund:			
Planting Trees and Landscaping.		57.00	
To 1957:			
Road Construction	$ 1,495.44		
Pond Filling & Draining	323.67		
Drainage.	225.13	2,044.24	3,204.44

CEMETERY TRUST FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance from 1955	$ 1,568.23	
Income, 1956.	10,119.40	$11,687.63
Pay rolls.	$10,939.79	
Bills.	683.06	11,622.85
Balance to 1957		$ 64.78

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

Receipts for Departmental Expenditures:		
Appropriations and Transfers	$50,270.48	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	11,687.63	$61,958.11
Departmental Expenditures:		
From Appropriations and Transfers	$47,066.04	
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	11,622.85	
Unexpended Balance:		
To Revenue of 1956	1,103.20	
To Lot & Grave Sales Fund	57.00	
To 1957: Appropriations Accounts $ 2,044.24		
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income A/c 64.78	2,109.02	$61,958.11
Total Net Cash Receipts	$24,912.85	
Credits, Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	10,119.40	$35,032.25
Net Expenditures: Appropriation Accounts	$44,776.84	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	11,622.85	56,399.69
Expenditures over Receipts		$21,367.44
Total Pay roll: Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$36,702.56	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	10,939.79	$47,642.35

CASH RECEIPTS

Interments	$ 5,975.00
Foundations	1,658.67
Lot Sales	2,500.00
Grave Sales	3,375.00
Perpetual Care	7,155.00
Annual Care	353.39
Miscellaneous	1,496.79
Grave Liners	2,399.00
Total Net Cash Receipts for 1956	$24,912.85

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year ended December 31, 1956.

I have examined the several Trust Funds of the Treasurer-Collector, and the Trust Funds of the Trustees of the Public Library together with all securities, coupons and savings accounts in the Savings Banks and Trust Companies. All income for the year was properly accounted for and all expenditures were properly supported by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur M. Goddard
City Auditor.

FINANCES

The Assessed Valuation of the City		
January 1, 1956		
Real Estate	$45,642,800.00	
Personal Property	3,392,650.00	
	49,035,450.00	
Rate of Taxation per $1,000.00 of Valuation - $58.00		
Appropriations:		
Budget and Revenue Orders	3,702,814.17	
County Tax	121,012.08	
County Tuberculosis Tax	30,757.95	
Metropolitan Park Tax	45,249.86	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	65,638.60	
Metropolitan Water Tax	56,355.44	
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	574.98	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	1,387.28	
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	162.95	
State and County Underestimates from 1955	14,767.39	
Overlays for Abatements	57,932.07	
Court Judgement	8,500.00	
Hurricane and Flood Expenditures	10,235.90	$4,115,388.67
Deduct - Estimated Receipts:		
Income Tax	186,241.87	
Corporation Tax	150,786.15	
Meals Tax for Old Age Assistance	8,856.54	
City Accounts	906,399.87	
State and County Overestimates from 1955	1,108.14	1,253,392.57
		2,861,996.10
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		
Poll Tax	17,940.00	
Real Estate Tax	2,647,282.40	
Personal Property Tax	196,773.70	$2,861,996.10

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1956

Assets

Cash:		
General		$410,438.27
Special - Cemetery - Sale of Lots and Graves		16,520.10
Advances for Petty:		
Collector	$150.00	
Park	30.00	
Library	25.00	
Cemetery	10.00	
School Visual Aid Program	50.00	
School Athletic Program	100.00	
School Lunch Program	150.00	515.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1955-Poll	42.00	
Personal	311.17	
Real	340.48	
Levy of 1956-Poll	128.00	
Personal	2,409.90	
Real	73,447.95	76,679.50
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1954	166.37	
Levy of 1955	1,427.65	
Levy of 1956	39,937.06	41,531.08
Special Assessments		
Sewer added to Taxes 1955	13.00	
1956	1,010.96	
Sidewalks added to Taxes 1956	96.00	
Street added to Taxes 1956	639.24	
Committed Interest 1955	4.97	
1956	705.59	2,469.76
Tax Titles and Possessions		
Tax Titles	2,893.40	
Tax Title Possessions	17,982.34	20,875.74
Special Taxes		
Estates of Deceased Persons		1,861.01

Liabilities and Reserves

Employees Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Taxes		$23,941.39
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		8,971.42
Tailings		1,586.71
Proceeds of Dog Licenses Due County		12.60
Overestimates 1955:		
State Assessments		4,257.34
Guarantee Deposits:		
Private Sewers	$675.00	
Driveways	375.00	
Water Inside Services	265.00	
Sale of City Possessions	60.00	
Contracts	500.00	1,875.00
Cemetery - Perpetual Care Bequests		1,305.00
Trust Funds - Income		
A. C. Marie Currier	49.70	
Andrew J. Burnett Memorial	533.16	
George Emerson	251.53	
Levi S. Gould	455.78	
Norman F. Hesseltine	32.30	
Community Civics	77.77	
William E. Bailey	697.89	
William E. Barrett	5.17	
Horatio N. Perkins	147.63	
Sarah E. Cheever	864.49	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	64.68	
Cemetery Flower Fund	51.80	
Oscar Frost Cemetery Fund	122.70	3,354.60
Unexpended Appropriation Balances		111,979.60
Sale of Tax Title Possessions Fund		1,857.61
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,280.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves and Accumulated Income		18,029.10

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1956 (Continued)

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
Departmental:			Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Memorial Building Rentals	$881.40		Mt. Hood Memorial Park	$51,257.37	
Police Ambulance	320.10		Library - Fines	2,992.06	
Wire Department	231.11		Duplicate Book	353.64	
Health Department	223.50		Parking Meter - Street	3,521.05	
General Relief	2,857.93		Off Street	420.01	$58,544.13
Old Age Assistance	2,926.11				
Aid to Dependent Children	3,645.53		Federal Grants:		
Veterans Services	12,040.21		Administration - Old Age	753.12	
School Department	4,969.05		Aid Dependent Children	549.92	
Cemetery - Perpetual Care	80.00		Disability Assistance	1,071.52	
Sale of Lots and Graves	126.00		Assistance - Old Age	9,982.31	
Public Works - Forestry	728.90		Aid Dependent Children	1,410.48	
Private Sewer	2,083.20		Disability Assistance	139.02	13,906.37
Highway Repairing	82.86				
Traffic Beacons	110.05		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Driveways	234.58		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	41,531.08	
Individual Walks	65.83		Tax Title and Possessions	20,875.74	
Water Inside Services	1,490.21	$33,096.57	Special Taxes	1,861.01	
			Special Assessments	2,469.76	
Water:			Departmental	33,096.57	
Water Rates	32,559.41		Water	33,362.88	133,197.04
Added to Taxes 1956	803.47	33,362.88			
			Reserved for Petty Cash Advances		515.00
Overlay Deficit:					
Levy of 1954		81.56	Overlay Reserve for Abatements		
			Levy of 1955	693.65	
			Levy of 1956	290.77	984.42
Underestimates 1956					
County Assessments		5,380.10	Surplus Revenue		253,351.13
			Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus		3,863.11
		642,811.57			642,811.57

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1956 (Cont'd)

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
		Non Revenue Accounts			
Non Revenue Cash		$118,660.45	Unexpended Balances:		
			Addition to Winthrop School		$2,585.06
			Fence Beebe School		262.80
			Decius Beebe School Construction		115,812.59
		118,660.45			118,460.45
		Deferred Revenue Accounts			
Apportioned Assessments - Not Due			Apportioned Sewer Assessments Revenue		
Sewer	$172,671.81		Due in 1957	$13,355.87	
Sidewalk	24,841.75		1958	12,719.60	
Street	192,845.07	390,358.63	1959	12,480.71	
			1960	11,957.63	
			1961	11,208.00	
			1962	10,610.00	
			1963	10,056.00	
			1964	9,304.00	
			1965	9,033.00	
			1966	8,987.00	
			1967	8,972.00	
			1968	8,962.00	
			1969	8,932.00	
			1970	8,922.00	
			1971	8,875.00	
			1972	4,770.00	
			1973	4,733.00	
			1974	4,065.00	
			1975	3,867.00	
			1976	862.00	172,671.81
			Apportioned Sidewalk Revenue		
			Due in 1957	3,718.75	
			1958	3,291.00	
			1959	2,814.00	
			1960	2,441.00	
			1961	2,297.00	
			1962	1,958.00	
			1963	886.00	
			1964	606.00	
			1965	591.00	
			1966	586.00	

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1956 (Cont'd)

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves		
		Deferred Revenue Accounts		
		Apportioned Sidewalk Revenue (Cont'd)		
		Due in 1967	$586.00	
		1968	586.00	
		1969	586.00	
		1970	586.00	
		1971	586.00	
		1972	561.00	
		1973	561.00	
		1974	561.00	
		1975	561.00	
		1976	479.00	$24,841.75
		Apportioned Street Assessments Revenue		
		Due in 1957	14,731.07	
		1958	14,517.00	
		1959	13,996.00	
		1960	13,486.00	
		1961	13,304.00	
		1962	13,299.00	
		1963	12,189.00	
		1964	8,191.00	
		1965	8,171.00	
		1966	8,102.00	
		1967	8,072.00	
		1968	8,047.00	
		1969	8,036.00	
		1970	8,016.00	
		1971	7,996.00	
		1972	7,996.00	
		1973	7,971.00	
		1974	7,930.00	
		1975	5,876.00	
		1976	2,919.00	192,845.07
	390,358.63			390,358.63
		Debt Accounts		
Net Funded or Fixed Debt		Serial Loans		
Inside Debt Limit		Inside Debt Limit:		
General	480,000.00	School Construction		480,000.00

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1956

Trust and Investment Accounts

Assets		Liabilities		
Trust and Investment Funds		In Custody of City Treasurer		
Cash and Securities		Welfare Funds		
In Custody of City Treasurer	$399,422.08	A. C. Marie Currier	$ 24,714.71	
In Custody of Memorial Building Trustees	4,332.31	Andrew J. Burnett Memorial	2,000.00	
In Custody of Library Trustees	4,512.19	George Emerson	14,072.83	
		School Funds		
		Community Civics	50.00	
		Levi S. Gould	1,000.00	
		Norman F. Hesseltine	100.00	
		Sarah E. Fitch	201.52	
		Mary B. Wing Memorial	266.89	
		Stalker Scholarship	13,539.17	
		Adelaide Colburn Memorial	6,000.00	
		Library Funds		
		William E. Bailey	2,500.00	
		William E. Barrett	75.00	
		Horatio W. Perkins	500.00	
		Park Funds		
		Sarah A. Chever	1,500.00	
		Memorial Building Funds		
		John C. F. Slayton Organ	10,000.00	
		Cemetery Funds		
		Perpetual Care	297,156.65	
		Samuel Daniel Perpetual Care	100.00	
		Wyoming Cemetery Flowers	3,419.25	
		Oscar F. Frost	1,184.63	
		Other Funds		
		Stabilization	20,981.43	
		200th Anniversary	60.00	$399,422.08
		In custody of Memorial Building Trustees		
		John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund Income		4,332.31
		In custody of Library Trustees		
		Sarah A. Chever	791.38	
		Stephen E. Deering	506.96	
		Jabez Dyer	1,083.34	
		Sarah E. Odlin	2,130.51	4,512.19
	$408,266.58			$408,266.58

CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1956

Cash, January 1, 1956		
Revenue	$489,533.20	
Non-Revenue	462,910.63	$952,443.83
Add: Receipts in 1956		
Taxes - Real, Personal and Poll	2,798,494.06	
Motor Vehicle Excise	307,308.13	
Income and Corporation Tax	429,394.37	
Old Age Meal Tax	9,210.20	
Temporary Loans	950,000.00	
Federal Grants for Welfare	185,899.57	
School Lunch Receipts and Grants	66,513.30	
School Adult Education Fees and Grants	706.00	
State Grant for School Construction	76,372.80	
State Grant for Civil Defense	254.76	
Physical Education Receipts	9,752.70	
Fire Loss Receipts	955.21	
Trust Fund Receipts	12,919.26	
Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts	36,781.05	
Parking Meter Fees	8,001.94	
Withholding Tax Deductions	285,689.66	
Guarantee Deposits	7,381.01	
Licenses and Permits	7,173.50	
Special Assessments	63,401.13	
Fines	1,648.80	
Public Service Enterprises	227,601.24	
Cemeteries	25,353.92	
Charities	35,958.11	
Old Age Assistance	187,604.00	
Interest	18,125.24	
Departmental	65,620.91	
Hurricane and Flood Assistance	13,971.10	
Miscellaneous	21,727.55	
Receipts Applied to Refunds	5,874.79	
		5,859,694.31
		6,812,138.14
Deduct: Expenditures per Schedule		6,283,039.42
Cash: December 31, 1956 - Revenue	410,438.27	
- Non - Revenue	118,660.45	
		529,098.72

CITY AUDITOR

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency
General Government				
Aldermen				
Salary of Clerk	$2,436.78	$2,436.78		
Other Expenses	3,500.00	3,206.77	$70.00	$223.23
Mayor				
Salaries and Wages	7,383.78	7,378.50		5.28
Other Expense	1,200.00	1,156.80		43.20
Remodel World War II Tablet	1,500.00	1,306.26		193.74
Auditor				
Salaries and Wages	13,543.88	12,946.68		597.20
Other Expense	1,086.00	987.37	80.00	18.63
Out of State Travel	200.00	197.19		2.81
Treasurer-Collector				
Salaries and Wages	22,579.59	22,526.31		53.28
Other Expense	6,400.00	6,386.67		13.33
Land Court Procedure	50.00	49.71		.29
Certification of Bonds	500.00	348.00		152.00
Parking Meter Maintenance	230.00	121.43	80.00	
" " "			28.57(a)	
Assessors				
Salaries and Wages	16,469.58	16,469.40		.18
Other Expense	2,875.79	2,808.24		67.55
Purchase of a Biling Machine	3,341.40	3,341.40		
Out of State Travel	300.00	300.00		
City Clerk				
Salaries and Wages	15,476.29	15,476.29		
Other Expense	1,150.00	1,023.25	30.00	96.75
Vital Statistics	475.00	452.41		22.59
Out of State Travel	250.00			250.00
Equipment-Basement Vault	1,200.00	374.67		825.33
City Physician				
Other Expense	100.00	44.90		55.10
City Solicitor				
Salaries and Wages	4,119.25	4,119.25		
Other Expense	300.00	234.87		65.13
Suits and Claims	300.00	62.20	150.00	87.80
Office Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00		
Revision of Ordinances	5,000.00	4,547.06		452.94
Election and Registration				
Salaries and Wages	12,266.75	11,748.51		518.24
Other Expense	7,400.00	7,040.27		359.73
Personnel Board				
Salary - Secretary	1,604.07	1,566.91		37.16
Other Expense	450.00	426.70		23.30
Planning Board				
Salaries and Wages	450.00	250.66		199.34
Other Expenses	300.00	290.53		9.47
Fiscal Plan for Melrose	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Board of Appeal				
Salaries and Wages	275.50	275.50		
Other Expenses	150.00	122.05		27.95

General Government (Continued)	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditures	To Excess & Deficiency.
Property Valuation Board				
Other Expense	$396.53	$168.68	$227.85	
Fence Viewers				
Other Expense	15.00			$15.00
Public Works				
Salaries and Wages	24,542.43	24,383.28		159.15
Other Expense	2,100.00	1,796.21	254.76	49.03
Vacations	12,603.50	12,598.20		5.30
Holidays	9,406.25	9,293.85		112.40
City Yard Improvements	5,205.00	5,102.58	1.05	101.37
New Equipment	28,500.00	24,803.15	3,144.00	552.85
Overhead Expense	7,350.00*	11,419.33**	13.00	4,056.33
Sick Leave	7,571.50	7,425.92		145.58
Parking Meter Maintenance	1,000.00	819.59	180.41	
Parking Area Rentals	243.60	243.60		
Purchase Billing Machine	3,025.10	3,025.10		
Replace Mechanisms in Parking Meters	675.00		675.00	
Installation of Parking Meters	5,725.00	3.36	5,721.64	
Engineers				
Salaries and Wages	19,960.84	19,879.64		81.20
Other Expense	1,650.00	1,638.44	.80	10.76
City Hall				
Salaries and Wages	6,716.45	6,603.13		113.32
Other Expenses	11,536.66	10,763.29	168.00	605.37
Memorial Building				
Salaries and Wages	6,397.98	6,397.41		.57
Other Expense	6,435.00	6,135.11	7.09	292.80
Remodel Lobby	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Total - General Government	286,469.50	262,434.75	13,332.17	10,702.58
Protection of Persons and Property				
Police				
Salaries and Wages	205,804.94	205,654.24		150.70
Other Expense	3,850.00	3,822.38		27.62
Equipment and Repairs	5,500.00	5,494.54		5.46
Indemnification	273.09	208.59		64.50
Parking Meter Maintenance	9,375.00	9,322.62	52.38 (a)	
Maintenance of Building	6,125.44	5,810.69		314.75
School Traffic Supervisors	12,020.30	11,841.76		178.54
Uniforms	2,000.00	1,989.10		10.90
Out of State Travel	450.00	403.09		46.91
New Cruisers	3,100.00	3,100.00		
Purchase of Ambulance	8,000.00	7,978.85		21.15
Purchase and Installation of Radio Receivers	970.00	960.30		9.70
Stretchers for Ranch Wagon	144.00	144.00		
Fire Department				
Salaries and Wages	225,085.37	224,137.91		947.46
Other Expenses	3,800.00	3,658.04		141.96
Equipment and Repairs	4,600.00	4,580.23		19.77
Repairs to Building	2,500.00	2,200.69		299.31
Fuel and Light	4,300.00	4,048.03		251.97
Hydrant Rental	11,200.00	11,200.00		
New Hose	3,000.00	2,987.80		12.20
Out of State Travel	300.00	250.49		49.51

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditures	To Excess & Deficiency.
Protection of Persons and Property (Continued)				
Fire "				
Purchase of Rescue Service Truck	$5,753.76	$5,444.46		$309.30
Paint & Letter Engine #1	494.50	494.50		
Paint & Letter Ladder #1	1,505.50		$1,505.50	
Building Department				
Salaries and Wages	12,331.50	12,324.64		6.86
Other Expense	1,345.50	1,103.86		241.64
Wire Department				
Salaries and Wages	12,291.68	12,282.22		9.46
Other Expense	275.00	259.86		15.14
Police Signal	1,450.00	1,366.32		83.68
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,555.00	2,542.52		12.48
Civil Defense				
Other Expense	2,004.89	1,768.37	236.52	
Weights and Measures				
Salaries and Wages	1,323.04	1,323.04		
Other Expense	5 00.00	319.08		180.92
Forestry				
Care of Trees, etc.	31,537.50	30,261.36	622.08	654.06
Dog Officer				
Salaries and Wages	660.00	574.59		85.41
Other Expense	500.00	355.04	82.44	62.52
Total - Protection of Persons and Property	586,926.01	580,213.21	2,498.92	4,213.88
Health and Sanitation				
Health Department				
Salaries and Wages	6,627.43	6,627.43		
Other Expense	1,750.00	1,747.34		2.66
Tuberculosis	4,204.00	4,174.39		29.61
School Physicians	1,650.75	1,650.75		
Public Health Nurses	11,644.25	11,644.25		
Inspector of Animals	743.00	743.00		
Sanitary Inspector	4,647.00	4,647.00		
Quarantine & Contagious Disease	300 .00	185.60		114.40
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals	650.00	322.50	250.00	77.50
Immunization of Dogs	350.00	277.88		72.12
Transportation of Children to Dental Clinic	600.00	598.00		2.00
Dental Clinic-Administrative Expense	875.00	874.32		.68
Dental Clinic- Salaries & Wages	6774.21	6,508.13		266.08
Care of Premature Babies	750.00	591.47		158.53
Laboratory & Educational Expense	250.00	88.74		161.26
Mosquito Suppression	2000.00	1,969.24		30.76
Polio Clinic	400.00	399.02		.98
Sewer & Surface Drain Construction	16168.50	15,763.94		404.56
Sylvan Street Sewer	8853.12	8,774.56		78.56
Test Borings-Upham Park	2000.00	.80	1,999.20	
Wildwood and Bancroft Drain	5000.00	4,544.62	231.92	223.46
Glen St. & Lynde Ave Drain	4500.00	4,008.85	491.15	
Sewer Maintenance	13694.75	12,522.62	165.00	1,007.13
Sewer Construction by Orders	31064.12	23,649.94		7,414.18
Private Sewers	22604.75	20,863.65		1,741.10

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditures.	To Excess & Deficiency.
Health and Sanitation (Continued)				
Sewer Connections	$41.00	$620.47 (#)		$661.47
Surface Drain Maintenance	$17,492.00	17,269.81		222.19
Collection of Ashes	48,354.35	47,077.62		1,276.73
Improve Fine Banks Dump	1,619.32	1,383.71		235.61
Collection of Garbage	29,701.40	29,701.39		.01
Street Cleaning	15,858.75	15,221.77		636.98
Total - Health & Sanitation	261,167.70	243,211.87	3,137.27	14,818.56
Highways				
Highway Repairing	50,632.75	47,029.56	19.95	3,583.24
Traffic Signs and Markings	5,592.25	4,963.46		628.79
Traffic Survey Expense	100.00	8.00		92.00
Highway Construction	121,620.90	87,321.83	19,774.32	14,524.75
Highway Construction Chapter 90	15,000.00		15,000.00	
Public Parking Area Larrabee Place	18,083.03	15,676.29	2,406.74	
Removal of Barn Larrabee Place	2,000.00	1,800.00		200.00
Smoothing Surface of Sylvan St.	537.00	118.35		418.65
Individual Walks	6,191.00	5,127.98		1,063.02
Driveways	4,500.00	4,374.92		125.08
Repair of Walks	16,279.50	9,178.15	1,952.60	5,148.75
Continuous Walks	12,392.17	10,365.38	700.66	1,326.13
Snow Removal	85,645.75	79,079.46	730.00	5,836.29
Street Lighting	40,000.00	39,173.12		826.88
Traffic Beacons	3,500.00	3,225.57		274.43
Traffic Beacon at Tremont & Parkway	2,200.00	1,965.45		234.55
Traffic Beacon at Main and Upham St	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Automotive-Sal. & Wages	1,500.00	1,500.00		
-Other Expense	2,400.00	1,350.55	40.00	1,009.45
Total - Highways	$391,174.35	312,258.07	43,624.27	35,292.01
Public Welfare				
General Administration	11,020.00	10,926.21		93.79
General Relief	20,500.00	19,968.43		531.57
Disability Assistance	29,000.00	28,461.15		538.85
Old Age Assistance	243,000.00	240,762.44		2,237.56
Aid to Dependent Children	17,000.00	16,708.28		291.72
Out of State Travel	125.00	125.00		
Total - Public Welfare	320,645.00	316,951.51		3,693.49
Veterans Services				
Salaries and Wages	8,690.45	8,647.86		42.59
Other Expense	1,000.00	954.53		45.47
Veterans Benefits	34,500.00	32,708.91		1,791.09
Veterans Burials	150.00			150.00
Total - Veterans Services	44,340.45	42,311.30		2,029.15
Education				
Salaries and Wages	$1,155,134.00	1,153,981.07	320.60	832.33
Other General Expense	11,525.00	11,456.94		68.06
Textbooks and Supplies	61,806.00	60,555.75	1,214.17	36.08
Plant Maintenance and Operation	142,146.00	139,305.79	601.31	2,238.90
Adult Education and Smith,Hughes & Barden	186.00	186.00		

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency
Education (Continued)				
Vocational Adult Education	$8,497.00	$7,046.49	$309.61	$1,140.90
Out of State Travel	450.00	267.82		182.18
School Lunch-Elementary	32,335.23	35,891.22	3,555.99*	
" " -High	39,626.60	39,198.23	428.37	
Physical Education and Athletic Fund	27,733.33	21,871.46	5,861.87	
High School Grading	125.66		125.66	
Relocate Baseball Diamond Horace Mann School	2,000.00	1,997.00		3.00
Interior Fire Alarm	1,543.98	973.08	570.90	
Replace Boilers	5,170.64	5,170.64		
Total - Education	1,488,279.44	1,477,901.49	5,876.50	4,501.45
Library				
Salaries and Wages	48,117.03	47,721.09		395.94
Other Expenses	2,750.00	2,740.79	9.21(b)	
Books	10,872.18	10,740.05	46.23	
"			85.90(b)	
Fuel and Light	1,650.00	1,590.64	59.36	
Building & Janitor Supplies	718.00	712.65		5.35
Binding	1,630.00	1,628.03		1.97
Rent-Highlands Branch	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Out of State Travel	100.00	100.00		
New Equipment	950.00	947.63		2.37
Roof Repairs	500.00	222.45		277.55
Renovate Casement Windows	1,500.00	1,243.39	256.61	
Indoor Fire Exit	1,055.79	1,055.79		
Total - Library	71,343.00	70,202.51	457.31	683.18
Recreation				
Recreation Commission				
Salaries and Wages	7,783.35	7,778.41		4.94
Other Expense	2,010.27	2,009.20		1.07
Hallowe'en and 4th July	575.00	531.62		43.38
Buses to Pool	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Gasoline-Director	50.00	36.33		13.67
Office Furniture	50.00	50.00		
Pine Banks				
Salaries and Wages	9,509.50	9,483.02		26.48
Other Expenses	3,000.00	2,967.61		32.39
Out of State Travel	225.00	225.00		
Sylvan St. Corner	1,662.50	1,653.90		8.60
New Dump Truck	1,400.00	1,387.30		12.70
Park Department				
Administration-Salaries	11,443.09	11,443.09		
All Other Salaries and Wages	33,125.00	32,050.56		1,074.44
Holidays, Vacation and Insurance	4,696.30	4,417.74		278.56
Gen.Administration Expense	1,000.00	935.47		64.53
All Other Expense	7,000.00	6,061.13	434.40	504.47
Christmas Decorations	200.00	159.88		40.12
Golf Maintenance & Operation	$30,295.00	22,647.12	7,647.88(c)	
Recreation Bldg. Operation	11,202.00	9,787.31	1,414.69(c)	
Athletic Field,Maintenance and Operation	7,694.45	7,163.40	475.00	56.05
Ski Tow Maintenance and Operation	2,042.92	1,302.41	740.51(c)	
Construction of Recreation Building at Ell Pond	2,811.71		2,811.71	
Gravel Fill for Hockey Rink	637.12		637.12	
Playground & Beach Improvements	239.41		239.41	

	Available	Expended	Reserved for Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency.
Recreation (Continued)				
Park Department				
Athletic Field-Renovate Track	$1,000.00		$1,000.00	
New Skating Rink	428.49		428.49	
Out of State Travel	300.00	$300.00		
New Car	2,000.00	1,630.29		$369.71
Total - Recreation	144,181.11	125,820.79	15,829.21	2,531.11
Pensions	$97,297.30	97,254.43		42.87
Contributory Retirement System	$46,538.61	46,538.61		
Celebrations				
Memorial Day-Union Veterans	450.00	325.36		124.64
American Legion	300.00	299.82		.18
V. F. W.	300.00	300.00		
D. A. V.	50.00	15.00		35.00
Band	250.00	250.00		
Draftees Recognition	300.00	253.00		47.00
Christmas Lighting				
City Hall	790.00	702.45		87.55
Memorial Building	225.00	225.00		
Main Street	550.00		550.00	
Total - Celebrations	3,215.00	2,370.63	550.00	294.37
Unclassified				
Rentals- V. F. W.	700.00	700.00		
- American Legion	1,000.00	1,000.00		
- D. A. V.	500.00	432.00		68.00
- Amvets	400.00	400.00		
Insurance	19,287.00	19,050.37		236.63
Claims	366.54	366.54		
Print City Reports	550.00	438.37		111.63
Publish State Audit	70.00			70.00
Purchase Land - Hesseltine Ave. for School	2,620.00		2,620.00	
Ell Pond Improvement	7,030.75	7,028.42		2.33
Stabilization Fund	20,935.49	20,935.49(d)		
Land Taking on Penney Road for Dump	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Land Taking - Faulkner Pl.	4,993.37		4,993.37	
Land Taking for Winthrop Sch.	1,290.60		1,290.60	
Horace Mann Sch.Addition	89,088.47	65,571.48	23,516.99	
Fire Damage at Lincoln Sch.	1,281.57	1,281.57		
Flood Damage	155.48	155.48		
Land Taking - Main St.	1,250.00		1,250.00	
Underground Service Police Station	250.00	250.00		
Land Taking-Faulkner Place	100.00	7.85	92.15	
Land Taking-Larrabee Place	100.00	6.85	93.15	
Purchase Land-Larrabee Pl.	150.00	117.25		32.75
Total - Unclassified	156,119.27	121,741.67	33,856.26	521.34
Public Service Enterprises				
Water Maintenance	72,568.25	70,943.51	111.87	1,512.87
Water Construction	45,891.75	45,508.44	378.30	5.01
New Water Meters	3,000.00	2,978.71		21.29
Water Inside Services	9,674.25	9,111.53		562.72
Total - Public Service Enterprises	131,134.25	128,542.19	490.17	2,101.89

	Available	Expended	Reserved for Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency
Cemeteries				
Salaries and Wages	$37,584.94	$36,702.56		$882.38
Other Expense	6,000 .00	5,796.43		203.57
Grave Liners	2,260.80	2,258.85		1.95
Trees and Landscaping	500.00	443.00	$57.00	
Drain and Fill Pond	548 .80		548.80	
Fill and Loam	2.37	2.37		
Road Construction	1,495.44		1,495.44	
Toro Power Mower	1,190.00	1,171.10		18.90
Chapel Tent	483.00	480.96		2.04
New Typewriter	207.50	194.14		13.36
Total - Cemeteries	50,272.85	47,049.41	2,101.24	$1,122.20
Municipal Indebtedness	120,000.00	120,000.00		
Interest				
Interest on Temporary Notes	15,860.00	14,345.15		1,514.85
Interest on Bonds	4,200.00	4,200.00		
Total - Interest	20,060.00	18,545.15		1,514.85
Bills Payable of 1955	11,715.77	10,594.89	445.19	675.69
Miscellaneous				
Temporary Loans		950,000.00		
County Dog Tax		3,608.20		
County Tax		126,392.18		
County Tuberculosis Tax		30,757.95		
State Taxes		165,111.77		
Trust Funds		2,156.45		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		11,622.85		
Cemetery Flower Fund		99.97		
Library - Duplicate Books		722.57		
Paid to Fund-Sale of Lots		6,007.00		
Perpetual Care		7,536.00		
Withholding Taxes		285,846.60		
From Federal Grants:				
Welfare Administration		13,319.53		
Old Age Assistance		144,374.71		
Aid to Dependent Children		15,198.69		
Disability Assistance		13,515.02		
Refunds: Abated Taxes		11,656.15		
Deposits		9,803.51		
Other		743.77		
Payments applied to Refunds		5,874.79		
Total - Miscellaneous		1,804,347.71		
Non Revenue				
Winthrop School	80,502.65	77,917.59	2,585.06	
Decius Beebe School	492,644.23	376,831.64	115,812.59	
Fence - E. Foster St.	262.80		262.80	
Total - Non Revenue	573,409.68	454,749.23	118,660.45	

* Debit
** Credit
\# Credit
a To Parking Meter Receipts
b To Library - Fines
c To Mt. Hood Receipts
d Paid to Fund

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency.
RECAPITULATION				
General Government	$286,469.50	$262,434.75	$13,332.17	$10,702.58
Protection of Persons and Property	586,926.01	580,213.21	2,498.92	4,213.88
Health and Sanitation	261,167.70	243,211.87	3,137.27	14,818.56
Highways	391,174.35	312,258.07	43,624.27	35,292.01
Public Welfare	320,645.00	316,951.51		3,693.49
Veterans Services	44,340.45	42,311.30		2,029.15
Education	1,488,279.44	1,477,901.49	5,876.50	4,501.45
Library	71,343.00	70,202.51	457.31	683.18
Recreation	144,181.11	125,820.79	15,829.21	2,531.11
Pensions	97,297.30	97,254.43		42.87
Contributory Retirement System	46,538.61	46,538.61		
Celebrations	3,215.00	2,370.63	550.00	294.37
Unclassified	156,119.27	121,741.67	33,856.26	521.34
Public Service Enterprises	131,134.25	128,542.19	490.17	2,101.89
Cemeteries	50,272.85	47,049.41	2,101.24	1,122.20
Municipal Indebtedness	120,000.00	120,000.00		
Interest	20,060.00	18,545.15		1,514.85
Bills Payable of 1955	11,715.77	10,594.89	445.19	675.69
Non Revenue	573,409.68	454,749.23	118,660.45	
Miscellaneous		1,804,347.71		
	4,804,289.29	6,283,039.42	240,858.96	84,738.62

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

January 31, 1957

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the City Clerk's Department for the year 1956 follows:

The amounts received by the City Clerk for fees for official services from January 1, 1956, to December 31, 1956, were as follows:-

For recording and indexing fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses	$ 146.25
For recording and indexing dog licenses	358.20
For recording marriage certificates	512.00
For licenses to keep and store gasoline and other inflammable materials, and for filing certificates of registration of such licenses	2,204.00
For miscellaneous licenses	692.00
For copies of records, etc.	681.49
For recording and indexing mortgages of personal property and other instruments	2,287.00
Total Receipts	$ 6,880.94
Less refunds	237.00
Total net receipts paid into City Treasury	$ 6,643.94

The sum of $3,943.00 has been received by this department for dog licenses issued from January 1, 1956, to December 31, 1956, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

For 872 male dogs at $2.00 each	$ 1,744.00
*For 111 female dogs at $5.00 each	550.00
*For 808 spayed female dogs at $2.00 each	1,614.00
For 1 kennel license at $10	10.00
For 1 kennel license at $25	25.00
Total received for dog licenses	$ 3,943.00

* One female dog license and one spayed female dog license were issued without charge for seeing-eye dogs.

Of the above amount received for dog licenses, $3,584.80 was paid to the County of Middlesex, and $358.20, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

CITY CLERK

The sum of $1,959.25 has been received for fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses issued from January 1, 1956, to December 31, 1956, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

Resident Citizen Fishing licenses, 323 at $3.25 each ...	$ 1,049.75
Resident Citizen Hunting licenses, 118 at $3.25 each ...	383.50
Resident Citizen Sporting licenses, 70 at $5.25 each ...	367.50
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing licenses, 28 at $1.25 each	35.00
Resident Citizen Female Fishing licenses, 42 at $2.25 each	94.50
Resident Citizen Trapping license, 1 at $7.75 each	7.75
Special Non-Resident Fishing license, 1 at $2.75 each ..	2.75
Non-Resident Citizen or Alien Fishing licenses, 2 at $7.75 each	15.50
Duplicate licenses, 6 at $.50 each	3.00
Resident Citizen (over 70) Sporting licenses - 32 (free)	00.00
Resident Old Age Assistance or Blind Fishing licenses - 1 (free)	00.00
Total	$ 1,959.25

Of the above amount, $1,813.00 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and the balance of $146.25, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

Children born in Melrose of Melrose parents	330
Children born outside of Melrose of Melrose parents	210
Children born in Melrose of non-resident parents	903
Total number of births recorded	1,443

Marriages Recorded

Both parties resident and solemnized in Melrose	40
Both parties resident and solemnized elsewhere in state	14
Both parties resident and solemnized out of state	1
One party resident and solemnized in Melrose	78
One party resident and solemnized elsewhere in state ...	117
One party resident and solemnized out of state	10
Both parties non-resident and solemnized in Melrose	5
Total number of marriages recorded	265

Deaths Recorded

Melrose residents occurring in Melrose	247
Melrose residents occurring elsewhere	84
Non-residents occurring in Melrose	165
Non-residents occurring elsewhere and buried in Melrose.	2
Total number of deaths recorded	498

Raymond H. Greenlaw

Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Melrose Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

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CITY TREASURER
CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1956

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1956	$ 952,443.83
Receipts, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956	5,859,694.31
	$6,812,138.14

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Payments, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956	$6,283,039.42
Balance, Cash in Bank and Office, December 31, 1956	529,098.72
	$6,812,138.14

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LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by Aldermanic Order #11759	$ 950,000.00
Notes paid in 1956	950,000.00
Balance due in 1957	000.00
Rate of discount, average	1.75%

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TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1956	$ 1,390.36	
Added during 1956	2,282.32	$ 3,672.68
Redemptions and Foreclosures	$ 779.28	
Balance, December 31, 1956	2,893.40	$ 3,672.68

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

FUNDS HELD BY THE CITY TREASURER

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	CASH	SECURITIES	TOTAL
In fund, January 1, 1956	$24,155.36	$264,749.00	$288,904.36
In fund, December 31, 1956	$27,635.90	$268,749.00	$296,384.90

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

City of Melrose, Collections		$ 7,536.00	
Securities called or sold		3,000.00	
Premiums on bonds called		12.04	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1956			
Savings Bank	$24,000.00		
Melrose Trust Company	155.36	24,155.36	$ 34,703.40

PAYMENTS

Securities Purchased:			
Boston & Albany Railroad		$ 3,000.00	
Stoneham Cooperative Bank		4,000.00	
Premiums Paid:		67.50	
Cash on hand, December 31, 1956			
Savings Bank	$25,700.00		
Melrose Trust Company	1,935.90	$ 27,635.90	$ 34,703.40

INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1956	$ 1,243.40	
Income from Securities	9,684.00	$ 10,927.40

PAYMENTS

Interest paid on Securities purchased	$ 7.50	
Melrose Trust Company, Box Rent	10.00	
Refund on coupon called	18.75	
City of Melrose, Income	10,119.40	
Balance, December 31, 1956	771.75	$ 10,927.40

SECURITIES IN FUND

Bank Stocks	$ 27,749.00	
Cooperative bank certificates	22,000.00	
Government bonds	19,000.00	
Railroads	55,000.00	
Savings Banks	25,700.00	
Utilities	145,000.00	
Cash uninvested	1,935.90	$296,384.90

WYOMING CEMETERY FLOWER FUND
(Cemetery Department)

Income received	$ 102.58	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 102.58
	$ 102.58	$ 102.58

Sale of Lots & Graves

Balance, January 1, 1956	$10,636.15	
Collections, 1956	6,007.00	
Income	376.95	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 500.00
Balance, December 31, 1956		16,520.10
	$17,020.10	$17,020.10

OSCAR F. FROST FUND
(Cemetery Department)

Income Received	$ 35.52	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 35.52
	$ 35.52	$ 35.52

WILLIAM BAILEY LIBRARY FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund Amount $2500.00

Income Received	$ 75.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 75.00
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00

WILLIAM EMERSON BARRETT FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund Amount $75.00

Income received	$ 2.26	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 2.26
	$ 2.26	$ 2.26

HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund Amount $500.00

Income received	$ 15.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 15.00
	$ 15.00	$ 15.00

CURRIER FUND
(Welfare Department)

Amount in fund December 31, 1956		$24,650.89
Securities:		
Charlestown 5¢ Savings Bank	$ 619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Melrose Savings Bank	14,487.13	
New York Central Railroad	2,000.00	
19 Shares 1st National Bank	1,067.00	
Virginia Electric Power Company	5,000.00	$24,650.89

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1956	$ 253.78	
Income from investments	776.61	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 925.00
Melrose Trust Company, Box Rent		5.00
Charge Southern Railroad bonds		1.05
Virginia Electric Power Company Interest		35.52
Balance, December 31, 1956		63.82
	$1,030.39	$ 1,030.39

ANDREW J. BURNETT MEMORIAL FUND
(Welfare Department)
Fund Amount $2000.00

Income received	$ 60.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 60.00
	$ 60.00	$ 60.00

MARGARET BAKEMAN WING MEMORIAL AWARD FUND
(School Department)

1 Share American Telephone & Telegraph Stock

Balance, January 1, 1956	$ 100.44	
Income	16.45	
Paid, School Department		$ 5.00
Balance, December 31, 1956		111.89
	$ 116.89	$ 116.89

STALKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(School Department)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in fund December 31, 1956		$13,023.90
Securities:		
American Telephone & Telegraph Company	$3,000.00	
Arkansas Power & Light Company	2,000.00	
Melrose Savings Bank	23.90	
Montana Power Company	1,000.00	
Pacific Gas & Electric Company	1,000.00	
Public Service of New Hampshire	1,000.00	
Seattle Gas Company	5,000.00	$13,023.90

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1956	$ 579.05	
Income from Securities	436.22	$ 1,015.27
Payments		
School Department, Tuition	$ 500.00	
Balance, December 31, 1956	515.27	$ 1,015.27

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

COMMUNITY CIVICS FUND
(School Department)
Fund Amount $50.00

Income received	$ 1.50	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 1.50
	$ 1.50	$ 1.50

SARAH E. FITCH FUND
(School Department)

Balance, January 1, 1956	$392.67	
Income received	8.85	
Paid of Tuition Loan		$200.00
Balance, December 31, 1956		201.52
	$401.52	$401.52

LEVI S. GOULD FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount $1000.00

Income received	$ 30.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 30.00
	$ 30.00	$ 30.00

NORMAN HESSELTINE FUND
(School Department)
Fund Amount $100.00

Income received	$ 3.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 3.00
	$ 3.00	$ 3.00

ADELAIDE COLBURN MEMORIAL FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount $6000.00

200TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF MELROSE

Balance, January 1, 1956	$ 58.24	
Income received	1.76	
Balance, December 31, 1956		$ 60.00
	$ 60.00	$ 60.00

GEORGE EMERSON FUND

Balance, January 1, 1956	$10,214.16	
Income from George Emerson Estate	5,000.00	
Income	358.67	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 1,500.00
Balance, December 31, 1956		14,072.83
	$15,572.83	$15,572.83

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL BUILDING
($10,000 Corporate Stock - City of New York)

Dividends received by City of Melrose	$ 400.00	
Paid John C. F. Slayton Fund		$ 400.00

SARAH E CHEVER FUND
(Sewall Woods Park)
Fund Amount $1500.00

Income received	$ 45.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 45.00

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance, January 1, 1956	$ 44.60	
Income received	1.34	
Paid, City of Melrose	20,935.49	
Balance, December 31, 1956		$ 20,981.43

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

School Bonds issued May 1, 1955	$ 600,000.00	
Bonds Paid May 1, 1956		$ 120,000.00
Balance maturing 1957-1960		480,000.00
	$ 600,000.00	$ 600,000.00

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RECEIPTS OF CITY COLLECTOR

TAXES:

1954	Poll	$ 2.00	
	Personal	10.88	
	Real Estate	1,325.62	$ 1,338.50
1955	Poll	30.00	
	Personal	1,255.27	
	Real Estate	59,087.14	$ 60,372.41
1956	Poll	14,336.00	
	Personal	193,807.00	
	Real Estate	2,528,661.75	$2,736,804.75

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:

1953	$ 5.53	
1954	140.33	
1955	23,765.54	
1956	283,396.73	$ 307,308.13

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

APPORTIONED SEWER:		
1954 (added to taxes)	$ 139.20	
1955 (added to taxes)	571.37	
1956 (added to taxes)	12,016.69	
1956 (paid in advance)	19,023.20	$ 31,750.46
APPORTIONED SIDEWALK:		
1955 (added to taxes)	97.00	
1956 (added to taxes)	3,029.94	
1956 (paid in advance)	225.52	$ 3,352.46
APPORTIONED STREET:		
1954 (added to taxes)	$ 29.30	
1955 (added to taxes)	416.16	
1956(added to taxes)	11,191.19	
1956(paid in advance)	16,643.56	$ 28,280.21
WATER: (added to taxes)		$ 11,584.52
COMMITTED INTEREST:		
1954	$ 54.79	
1955	370.81	
1956	9,546.12	$ 9,971.72
GENERAL INTEREST:		
Taxes	$ 1,854.63	
Motor Vehicle Excise	301.05	
Assessments	47.03	$ 2,202.71
COLLECTOR'S COST		$ 759.13
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES		$ 1,176.00
BETTERMENT RELEASES		$ 32.00
GENERAL WATER RATES		$ 195,758.06
DEPARTMENTAL - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Estate of Deceased Persons		$ 1,394.89
HEALTH DEPARTMENT - TUBERCULOSIS		$ 1,524.92
MEMORIAL BUILDING - RENTAL		$ 4,316.25
POLICE DEPARTMENT - AMBULANCE FUND		$ 721.20
PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT:		
Aid to Dependent Children	$ 9,760.30	
Disability Assistance Adm.	18,003.70	
Old Age Assistance	184,621.04	
General Relief	8,040.26	$220,425.30

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Care of Trees	$ 936.87	
Driveway Deposit	104.21	
Highway Repairing, Construction	368.86	
Hydrant Rental	11,200.00	
Individual Walks	124.04	
Parking Meters	40.00	
Private Sewer	3,213.67	
Traffic Beacons	297.23	
Water Inside Service	673.65	$ 16,958.53

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Rental	$ 210.00	
Tuition	1,107.50	$ 1,317.50

VETERANS SERVICES:

Veterans Burials	$ 150.00	
Veterans Services	13,789.53	$ 13,939.53

WIRE DEPARTMENT	108.95
	$3,651,398.13

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1956.

Organization

The Fire Department consists of four companies.

Engine Company #1
Engine Company #2 (Quad)
Engine Company #3
Aerial Ladder #1

Personnel

Chief of Department
5 - Captains
4 - Lieutenants
1 - Acting Master Mechanic
43 - Privates

Equipment

Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	Installed	1946
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	Installed	1946
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine ("Quad")...	Installed	1953
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	Installed	1929 (obsolete)
Peter - Pirsch Aerial Ladder	Installed	1935
Mack Service Rescue Truck (Auxiliary).....	Installed	1939
Dodge Rescue Truck	Installed	1956
Dodge Chief's Car	Installed	1955
Ford ½ ton pick-up Truck	Installed	1954

Boat rescue unit fully equipped
International - 500 gal. pumper & hose wagon....Auxiliary
4 - Trailer hose wagons .....Auxiliary
Trailer lighting plant .....Auxiliary

All apparatus fully equipped with emergency and fire fighting tools.

Hose

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	10,650
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose	5,400
Number of feet of booster hose	2,000
Number of feet of 2½" dump hose	50

All hose tested at 200 pounds pressure.

Hose Condemned 1956

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	400

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alarms and Special Calls

Total number of bell alarms	202
Total number of still alarms	204
Total number of emergency calls	208
Total number of false alarms	42
Apparatus called out of the city	47

Apparatus called out of the city

Malden	28
Wakefield	6
Stoneham	10
Saugus	2
Swampscott	1

Mutual aid calls to Melrose

Malden	19
Wakefield	19
Stoneham	1
Lynn	1

Inspections

Number of buildings	860
Number of Oil Burner	720
Number of tank	90
Number of paint, varnish etc.	110
Number of liquid gas	12
Number of Blasting	65
Number of Garage	81
Number of incinerator and burning	95

Permits Granted

Storage of oil	424
Class A inflammables	16
Explosives for Blasting	48
Liquid - Bottled gas	5

Extinguishers refilled

Soda & Acid	360
Foamite	40
Carbon Tet.	60

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Special Work

Automobile Accidents	11
Automobile lockouts	16
Automobile Fires	31
Awning Fires	2
Awning Blowing against window	1
Baby caught in high chair	1
Boy playing with matches	1
Barn fire	1
Brush fires	146
Boy in pond	1
Cat in tree	15
Cat on roof	1
Chimney fire	8
Cut ring off finger	1
Cat wedged under steps	1
Dog traped	1
Dump fire	6
Electric heater	1
Electric trouble	13
Elevator trouble	2
Eng.#3 covering at Eng.#2	1
Flooded cellars	8
Flooded back yard	1
Flase alarms	85
Faulty smoke fire	1
Gasoline leaks	6
Gas leak	19
Garage Fires	4
House lockouts	55
House Fires	27
Hut fire	1
Incinerator fires	10
Investigation	11
Mutual Aid	45
Motor Fires	14
Man traped in steam shovel	1
Moved patients at Fitch Home	2
Man crushed by auto	1
Open drain in yard	1
Oil leak	29
Oil burner	24
Oil in street	1
Oven fire	6
Odor in cellar	1
Overheated boiler	3
Opened up side walk	1
Plastic dish under stove	1
Pump out graves	1
Pole fire	1
Power lawn mower	1
Remove antenna from roof	1
Roof blown off	1
Replace flag pole rope	1
Remove woman to hospital	3
Resuscitator & Inhalator	18

Special Work (con.)

Rubbish	18
Refrigerator leak	11
Rope off sidewalk	1
Replace skylight on roof	1
Remove boy to hospital	2
Remove man to hospital	5
Steam system flooded	1
Steam from roof	1
Street bomb	34
Sprinkler leak	3
Store fire	4
Suicide	1
Steam leak	1
Train wreck	1
Turned on gas heater	1
Tree limb down	2
Tree fire	2
Transformer in TV	1
Water leak	20
Wires	32
Water heater	1
Window blown in	1
Water main broken	1
Woman on roof	1

Equipment Used

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose laid	24,500
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose laid	5,000
Number of feet of ladders raised	2,168
Number of covers used	41
Number of pounds of CO2 used	261
Number of hours lighting plant used	14
Resuscitator - Inhalator used	18
Number of tanks of oxygen used	14
Gas Masks	21
Red cross heart mask	18
Smoke ejector	20
Pounds of oil dry	300
Rubber gloves	4
Portable pumps	583
Wire cutters	1
Total pumping hours of apparatus	40

Fire Loss Buildings & contents

Number of Buildings damaged	25
Value of buildings	170,600.00
Loss on buildings	21,913.00
Insurance on buildings	278,000.00
Insurance paid on buildings	19,813.00
Value of contents	53,500.00
Loss of contents	13,823.00
Insurance on contents	51,500.00
Insurance paid on contents	4,823.00
Total fire loss - buildings & contents	$26,836.00

Emergency Calls

During the year of 1956, the department was called upon to perform many extra emergencies. The first of which was the tragic train wreck in Swamscott where personnel worked for more than six hours Assisting in rescue operations. The new rescue truck, with the instalation of an A.C. generator, was able to assist many nursing and convelescant homes throughout our city during the blizzards in March. Two way radios proved to be a great asset during this period because of power failure and all emergencies were handled via radio. Do to the combine willingness of all personnel to devote extra hours of duty emergencies were quickly and efficiently handled.

Fire prevention Program

The fire prevention program was continued throughout 1956 with very successful results. An added feature of this program was the detailing by the chief of the department a captain and lieutenant to each school in the city to give lectures and demonstrations of fire prevention and fire protection during fire prevention week. A special fire prevention and fire protection program was initiated in our industrail plants, especially those involving electronics. This type of occupancies required a special and detailed program.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Civil Defense Program

This report would be sadly lacking if acknowledgment of the assistance by the Civil Defense Auxiliary Fire Department during the past year were to be omitted. Space does not permit an adequate account of the activities of this group which has not only trained itself to an amazingly high pitch of efficiency, but has willingly, spontaneously and without urging, volunteered its services without thought of recompense on every occasion it could be helpful, and there have been many. The first of which was the response of the Auxiliary Department to the terrible train wreck where they assisted in rescue operations for six hours. The second was during the March storms when the Auxiliary members were assigned to duty to augment the regular department for a period of three days. On April 8th, the most serious of the storms to hit Melrose, the Auxiliary department working under the direction of Captain Lyons assisted in answering calls and assisted in covering the city with Civilian Defense two way radio when the department lost its fire alarm system. The Auxiliary Department also worked several days and nights to assist the regular department in the serious brush fire season. The Auxiliary Department was credited with stopping a brush fire of serious nature in the rear of the New England Sanitorium at a time when the regular department was busy working other fires. During fire prevention week and at halloween, the entire Auxiliary assisted the department. Approximately 2800 man hours were recorded during the year by the Civilian Defense Auxiliary Fire Department for the City of Melrose. Practise has been maintained on all types of equipment including the aerial ladder truck, gas mask drills, use of resusciatator and life gun equipment. Their efforts have run into thousands of hours and have given the citizens of this city a most valuable added protection. Needless to say, the Auxiliary Fire Department has my deepest appreciation and, I am sure, that of the Director of Civil Defense, Mr. Chester Cummings. We both feel that we have an outstanding auxiliary in which we may justly take great pride.

Conclusion

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to his Honor, the Mayor, to the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and to all other departments for their assistance in all matters pertaining to the Fire Department. To the officers and men of the department who rendered efficient service at all hours of the day and night, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney C. Field

Chief of the Department

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
City of Melrose

Gentlemen:

Actions at law and suits in equity have been tried in the Superior Court. Actions at law against the City brought to recover for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of defects in ways and others brought to recover for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of blasting have been defended in both the Superior and District Courts. Petitions for assessment of damages arising out of the taking of land by eminent domain have been defended.

Actions for and against the City by other municipalities arising out of the furnishing of Old Age Assistance, aid to dependent children and other welfare disbursements have been brought and defended.

One interesting suit in equity brought against the City based upon the allegations that the City was responsible for damages caused by the flooding of areas by the overflow of Ell Pond Brook and Spot Pond Brook was successfully defended. The Court in its "Findings, Rulings and Order for Decree" filed March 22, 1956, found that Ell Pond Brook is a common drain within the City; that the City is charged with the responsibility of repair and maintenance; that the City has used reasonable care and exercised reasonable control and uses proper methods to maintain and keep in repair the main drains within its limits, and that the cause of the overflowing of the brooks resulted from conditions that exist beyond the borders of the City of Melrose, and that the City has no control or supervision over those conditions.

The usual and, perhaps, the routine matters of conferences and opinions, drafting of deeds and contracts, appearances before the Appellate Tax Board and other hearings have been attended to and completed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Van Allen Thomason

City Solicitor

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To His Honor the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building herewith submit their Annual Report for the year 1956.

During the year 1956 the Memorial Building has had a high increase in its rental commitments. There has been a notable increase of over one thousand dollars in rental commitments over the previous year, meaning that additional labor has been required on several occasions, thereby keeping the building personnel extremely busy.

The Trustees have had an adequate emergency lighting system installed in the building to care for the Auditorium, Grand Army Hall and both lobbies leading to all exits. This system was outlined and approved by the State Inspector prior to the installation.

As for the exterior of the building, all woodwork has been completely painted, including extensive window puttying. Further, the Trustees, realizing that the masonry of the building has needed vast pointing, have launched upon a plan to cover the entire building by doing a section of the building each year, thereby not causing a large expenditure at one time. This year the most needed area was the front southeast corner of the building, which has been completely pointed. Also, because of extreme need, the front steps were done, eliminating danger of accident, since there were wide openings in the granite steps. This stairway, used on special patriotic occasions, has been put in excellent condition by highly skilled labor. Also, several leaks have been eliminated in the northeast and the southeast areas of the front section of the building roof. As for the interior of the building, the floors throughout the entire building were cleaned and waxed during the summer months, and all the movable seats in the auditorium completely checked and repairs made with new metal parts, cast from dies now owned by the City.

In addition to the usual items in this report, the Trustees have had several repairs and improvements made in the Slayton Memorial Organ by a highly recommended Organ Service Agent, approved by the Austin Organs, Inc., of Hartford, Connecticut, original builders of this grand organ.

Unfortunately, during the year there were several bad and extensive leaks in the piping system of the building's heating plant and new pipe and improved devices were installed to replace areas of the original pipe lines, worn out by rust and corrosion over the long period of time. These replacements have made a substantial improvement in the heating of several locations in the building.

MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

The usual Christmas lighting of the building front was most appropriate for the Season, along with the Main Street, the City Hall and Fire Station lighting, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the passers-by.

Finally, the Trustees feel that this building is in good condition, with the exception of the outside lobby entrance, which is on the south side of the building. Several plans have been drafted to replace this vital entrance, but due to the high cost quoted by several competent engineers, we have been unable to have this taken care of this past year. However, it is hoped that a much lighter construction can be designed, along the same architectural lines of the building, and this work completed during the coming year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salaries and Wages

Appropriation	$6,162.78	
Order #11817A	235.20	
	$6,397.98	
Expended	6,397.41	
Balance		.57

Other Expenses

Appropriation	$7,935.00	
Expended	6,190.63	
	$1,744.37	
Transferred to Lobby Account	1,500.00	$244.37

Respectfully submitted

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL BUILDING

Harold L. Margeson
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT

Mr. Harold W. Poole, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Board of Park Commissioners

Gentlemen:

The forty-seventh Annual Report of the Park Commission with a report of the Superintendent of the Park Department which covers the operations and expenses incurred by the Department.

We deeply regret the loss of one of our Commissioners, Benjamin R. Vaughan who passed away during the early part of July. He served the City well and faithfully.

December was a cold, snowy month with plenty of snow and ice even into March during which month we had three blizzards in 9-days. This afforded the youngsters and adults interested in winter sports many hours of coasting, skiing and skating.

Two new tar walks were installed in Bowden Park some changes were made with shrubbery replaced in Horace Mann Park and at Southeast corner of Ell Pond Park; Air Compressor was replaced at garage; a new rough cutter was purchased for Golf Course; combination locks on lockers were installed in the Field House; a new ramp entrance was made from center of the home Bleachers to the First Aid room in the Field House, also a new Ticket Booth at High School entrance.

The following improvements were made:- painted outside fence at Athletic Field; installed a tile ceiling and completed tiling the walls in the men's shower room in Clubhouse; quite a number of trees were removed from around the 7th Green and 13th Tee to let in more sunshine and air to these important areas; work was started relocating 3rd Tee and Fairway late last fall which we hope to complete next year; erected a 30 ft. high Barrier on 2nd Fairway as a protection from golf balls; replaced boiler and refrigerator at Clubhouse; had railing put on stairs to check room and other minor changes throughout the Department.

The Members of the Board of Park Commissioners take pleasure in expressing their appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and Members of the City Government for their co-operation during the year. To the Superintendent and all Members of the Department for their interest in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

For The
MELROSE PARK COMMISSION

Harold W Poole
Chairman

PARK DEPARTMENT

Mr. Harold W. Poole, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Board of Park Commissioners

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit to the Park Commissioners my Annual Report for the year 1956, together with the financial statement which is part of the report, giving in detail the Department's expenses and operations.

1956 ANNUAL REPORT

The winter season comprising the months of December through March and into April started off with December being the coldest in 10 years. Skating was enjoyed on all the ice areas with the largest total accumulation of any December since 1947 (13 inches) a record set by the month of only 3 clear days.

Rains and thaws during the first week in January deprived the winter sports folk from enjoying the ponds and areas. But on the 17th, six or seven inches of new snow fell, the Ski Tow was in operation for 8-consecutive days.

February with 14.5 inches brought the third largest month's total of snow.

March was the second snowiest March on record for 84 years with three blizzards in 9-days, two heavy Northeasters that left approximately 22 inches of snow with drifts estimated as high as 10 feet that paralyzed and crippled the City for nearly 2-days with many local stores and places of business closed. So winter sports again were enjoyed as the following table indicates.

The Weather Bureau in closing the books on 1956 stated that the total of 72.6 inches of snow in Boston for the year was more than 30 inches above the average of 42.1 inches in past years.

NUMBER - WINTER SPORTS DAYS - 1955 - 1956 - SEASON

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar.	Total
Ell Pond	16	5	1	0	22
Ell Pond - Rink	7	11	4	1	23
Common - Playground	16	11	4	1	32
Conant - Playground	16	14	3	1	34
Hesseltine - Playground	16	13	3	0	32
Lebanon - Playground	16	14	3	0	33
Lincoln - Playground	16	12	3	0	31
Messenger's - Playground	11	10	2	0	23
Mount Hood Pond No. 1	18	12	3	0	33
Mount Hood Pond No. 2	18	12	3	0	33
Mount Hood Pond No. 3	18	10	3	0	31
Swain's Pond	16	5	0	0	21

PARK DEPARTMENT

SKI TOW

	Jan	Feb	Mar.	Total
Sessions	11	13	12	36

COASTING

Mount Hood Park	10	9	14	33

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Removed large dead elm trees near Bathhouse and willows on Crystal Street area; secured some fill for Conant Playground area; replaced 10 maple trees on Common Playground that were lost in previous hurricanes; repaired and replaced approximately 30 ft. of iron rail on the high wall at Ell Pond; had metal door installed on North side of Bathhouse and two windows blocked in to make storage space for Archery; removed snow fence at driveway near Genbill's Store, seeded in area and put in about 50 ft. of California privot hedge ; at Horace Mann Park planted approximately 100 ft. of California privot along the fence near the new parking area and reseeded; replaced about 50 ft. of barberry hedge on Grove Street side; had two tar walks put in at Bowden Park, (1) at Northwest corner to W. Emerson Street, (1) parallel with W. Emerson and hope next year to complete by tarring the walk that runs from Vinton Street to the railroad station; replaced the Air Compressor (as old one condemned) ; the City continued filling in area in the vicinity of the old Hockey Rink with some progress in rough grading for a future Softball diamond and erected a fence along Tremont Street.

ATHLETIC FIELD AND FIELD HOUSE

Replaced twenty-seven (27) Bleacher seats and footboards as well as the timbers that had rotted out under the Bleachers on the South side of the Field;painted First Aid and Toilet room in Athletic Field House; had a cinder block Ticket Booth built at the High School entrance; installed combination locks on lockers in Field House; built a new ramp entrance through the center of North Bleachers to the Field House First Aid Room ; painted fence around Athletic Field and the Annual Horse Show was held on the Field in May.

PARK DEPARTMENT

CLUBHOUSE

Completed work in the men's shower room by installing tiled walls and a ceramic tile ceiling ; replaced upstairs deck door; had a railing put on stairs leading from hall to check room as a safety measure ; new steel edging and rubber treads on back stairs to men's locker room; replaced refrigerator ; painted floor and walls in ladies' and men's room as well as walls on men's side;repaired and replaced two lines to filter bed of cesspool, filled in with crushed stone and patched roof in several places.

MOUNT HOOD

During the winter months the Slayton Memorial Tower and area closed at 8:00 P.M. ; reseeded lawn in rear of Clubhouse; widened top of Ski Tow run and installed additional lights on the Ski Tow area for better lighting; Annual Easter Sunrise Service held at the Slayton Memorial Tower; the high location here in the Park affords lower temperatures which naturally are more conducive for winter sports , hundreds of sportsters especially, over week-ends enjoyed the facilities and the, "George W. Rogers Memorial Hall " continued to be popular and well patronized for all kinds of social affairs and Wedding Receptions during the entire year.

GOLF COURSE

The Golf Course officially opened on the 14th day of April despite the fact, that our work was deterred in March on account of the bad snow storms. Then on Sunday, April 8th a surprise blizzard with winds up to 68 miles an hour left the community without power, lights and heat and 5-6 inches of snow, again postponing our usual spring work on the Golf Course before the opening.

1956 however, was considered a very, successful year with approximately 43,221 rounds of golf played against 35,577 rounds in 1955.

The receipts for the year 1955 were $29,941.95against $36,041.00 in 1956.

Work was started in relocating the 3rd Tee and Fairway by removing the large mound on right side of the 2nd Fairway, filling in and rough grading area, this work will be continued next spring; cut and removed 50 trees around 7th Green for better circulation of air and more sunshine as this Green has been a problem since the Golf Course opened, we feel that there has been a marked improvement since July ; renewed ramp and steps on 13th Tee ; planted trees and shrubbery at lot line of Plymouth Circle and 2nd Fairway,then installed a 50 ft. Barrier 30 ft. high as a protection against golf balls ; trees near 5th Tee removed for better circulation on 4th Green; and purchased a new Kut-Kwick rotary mower for rough cutting.

SOURCE OF REVENUE

Subscriptions	$ 10,832.50
Daily Fees	18,265.50
Locker Rentals	790.00
Transient Lockers,Soap,Towels	502.35
Hall Rentals	3,578.50
Fireplace Permits & Wood	167.50
Ski Tow & Concessions	1,699.25
Rentals,Telephone,Elec, Etc	205.40
	$ 36,041.00

Before closing this report may I say that the year 1956 was a sad one for this Department when we suffered the irreparable loss of a devoted Park Commissioner, Benjamin R. Vaughan, whose constant interest and active participation in all our endeavors has and will be greatly missed.

CONCLUSION

I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor, the Park Commission, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, City Officials and other Departments for their co-operation and assistance in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Department.

I wish to extend to the employees of the Park Department my sincere thanks for their efficient service , and interest in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Keenan

Superintendent of Parks

PARK DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Administration - Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 11,443.09
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 11,443.09	

General Administration - Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Office Supplies (Inc. Typ.)	$ 470.05	
Insurance	169.85	
Telephone	219.62	
Printing - Advertising	75.95	
	$ 935.47	
Unexpended Balance	$ 64.53	

All Other Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 33,125.00
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 32,050.56	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1,074.44	

All Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 7,000.00
Refunds		4.70
		$ 7,004.70
Expenditures:-		
Automotive Maintenance	$ 1,595.21	
Automotive Insurance	356.92	
Labor Insurance	970.06	
First Aid Supplies	63.18	
Printing - Advertising	56.76	
Loam, Fertilizer, Grass Seed, Etc.	423.26	
Playground Maintenance	688.43	
Paint, Hardware and Lumber	151.40	
Tools and Repairs	1,184.34	
Electricity	71.89	
Repairs - Buildings	146.34	
Water and Service	81.38	
Fuel, Heat and Service	218.73	
Plants, Seedlings, Etc.	194.53	
Sand - Playgrounds	40.30	
Paint Flagpoles	132.50	
Replace Trees	125.00	
	$ 6,500.23	
Unexpended Balance	$ 504.47	

Athletic Field & Field House Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation		$ 7,794.45
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Wages	$ 4,308.48	
Tools - Repairs	448.50	
Fuel Oil & Services	323.09	
Janitor & Bldg Supplies	493.44	
Electricity	69.96	
Water - Service	92.18	
Loam - Lime - Fertilizer, Etc	459.70	
Paint Bleachers, Etc	810.07	
Winterize & Connect Building	161.60	
Ticket Booth	475.00	
	$ 7,642.02	
Unexpended Balance	$ 152.43	

Athletic Field - Renovate Track

Carried From 1952	$ 1,000.00
Same Carried to 1957	

Christmas Lighting

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Expenditures	$ 159.88	
Unexpended Balance	$ 40.12	

Golf Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation From, "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$ 30,295.00
Refunds		106.00
		$ 30,401.00
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Wages	$ 17,445.41	
Bonds - Insurance	521.04	
Printing - Advertising	113.96	
Golf Supplies	467.04	
Automotive & Insurance	636.51	
Tools - Supplies - Repairs	379.50	
Fertilizer - Fungicides	519.20	
Loam - Sand, Etc	734.71	
Laundry - Soap - Towels	309.85	
Repairs Bldgs - Shelters, Etc	162.69	
Water - Service	4.42	
Equipment Rentals	204.99	
Kut-Kwick Mower	522.80	
Barrier - Second Fairway	731.00	
	$ 22,753.12	
Balance to, "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"	$ 7,647.88	

Hockey Rink Gravel Fill & Repairing

Balance From 1953	$ 637.12
Same Carried to 1957	

Holidays - Labor Vacation - Insurance

Appropriation		$ 4,696.30
Expenditures	$ 4,417.74	
Unexpended Balance	$ 278.56	

New Skating Rink - Ell Pond

Balance From 1954	$ 428.49

Same Carried to 1957

New Car - Replace 1948 Plymouth

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Expenditures	$ 1,630.29	
Unexpended Balance	$ 369.71	

Operation Recreation Building

Appropriation From ,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$ 11,202.00
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Wages	$ 4,624.68	
Fuel Oil & Services	949.43	
Printing - Advertising	29.30	
Janitor - Building Supplies	162.72	
Water - Service	85.80	
Electricity	245.20	
Repairs	214.17	
Tile - Men's Shower Room	300.00	
Boiler - Replace	2,880.00	
Refrigerator (Kitchen) Replace	296.01	
	$ 9,787.31	
Balance to, "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"	$ 1,414.69	

Out-of-State Travel

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Expenditures	$ 300.00	

Parks - Playgrounds - Beach Improvement

Balance	$ 239.41

Same Carried to 1957

Recreation Building - Ell Pond

Balance	$ 2,811.71

Same Carried to 1957

Ski Tow Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation From ,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts".....		$ 2,051.52
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Insurance.....	$ 1,086.59	
Supplies & Repairs.....	224.42	
	$ 1,311.01	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"...	$ 740.51	

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Personnel Board is respectfully submitted herewith.

1956 was the fifth complete year for the Personnel Board in its administration of the Salary Administration Plan.

At the June meeting, Nicholas P. Flynn was unanimously re-elected as Chairman and John F. McHale as Clerk of the Board. Harold F. Watts, who served as a member from 1953 to 1956, resigned and was replaced by Robert F. Goodspeed to serve until 1959. The members of the Board are sincerely grateful for the cooperative and faithful service extended by Mr. Watts during his three-year term. Present membership - Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman, John F. McHale, Clerk, Horace H. Feltham, Frederick S. Nichols and Robert F. Goodspeed.

The Melrose Personnel Board joined the Massachusetts Municipal Personnel Boards Association this year, a personnel organization which is composed of a number of Massachusetts municipalities. The members of this organization meet once a year to discuss problems of a general personnel nature and it has proven to be a source of considerable aid.

Surveys of other communities were made during the year with regard not only to rates and jobs but to other factors considered to be of importance and interest to the Board.

A recommendation by the Personnel Board for a 5% across-the-board increase for all employees met with favor by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen and became effective April 1, 1956.

Included in the several meetings and hearings was the interest shown by the Mayor, Department Heads, Sub-committee and Appropriations Committee of the Board of Aldermen which is very much appreciated by the Board. Sixty-seven decisions were made during the year and tentative changes in the ordinances were submitted to the Board of Aldermen for ratification. Since the inception of the Salary Administration Plan in 1951, 510 Decisions have been rendered by the Personnel Board.

For the second consecutive year, the expenses of the department were kept at a minimum by sharing the office, equipment and telephone with the Planning Board and the Recreation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas P. Flynn
Nicholas P. Flynn,
Chairman,
Personnel Board

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As Superintendent of Pine Banks Park, I herewith submit the following report for the year 1956.

Pine Banks Park was utilized by approximately 100,000 people during the year. Parking of cars of our visitors are a problem because of the limited parking areas within the park itself.

On March 17th the log shelter at the playgrounds was burnt to the ground. This building was erected in 1891 and was a favorite gathering spot for many picnics.

Two new little league fields were completed in 1956. On May 19th these new fields were dedicated. This field is known as the "George H. Cray Field", named after the former Superintendent who served Pine Banks Park for close to forty two years. There were parades from Malden and Melrose with several bands and drill teams along with all the little league teams from both cities taking part. These fields were used every night and saturday afternoons for the little league baseball season. The sectional little league play-off took place on our new fields.

Our other softball and baseball fields were also in use every evening. Leagues from Malden and Melrose business houses played their games here.

The greenhouse blossomed in the spring with over 3500 plants which were later planted in our flower beds on the avenue. We once again had tulips in the spring of 1956.

Church groups, scouts and family parties used our outdoor fireplaces for picnics. The scouts also used our park for their tests for merit badges.

Malden and Melrose YMCA had their day camp at the ball fields. Many sections of the park were used for trail blazing and study for boys working for their merit badges. The junior police had their outing at the ballfield and each boy was served a box lunch. Prizes were awarded for winners of competative games.

Malden and Melrose girl scouts and campfire girls had their Arbor Day exercises at the park and several girls planted trees as their part of the ceremony.

On October 28th military church services were held at the ballfield. This was in observance of National Guard Day. The 182nd Infantry National Guard with headquarters in Melrose had 1800 men taking part in relegious services and then fed these men dinner with all the fixings. It was a very pretty sight to see these men participating in field mess. Company L & K of Malden used the park for their practise of field manuvers. The 182nd National Guard Band gave a series of eight band concets at the ballfield during the spring and summer.

A new duck house was built by the employees of Pine Banks Park and then placed in the pond which attracted

many children and their parents.

At Christmas time the park was a brilliance of color with close to a thousand lights. A life size nativity scene was placed on the banking of the park. This new addition to the holiday display was constructed by the employees of the park. We received many compliments from folks who came to observe this display. Santa Claus was out every evening just before Christmas and gave out over 2000 lolly pops.

I wish to thank my trustees, my employees, Malden and Melrose Police and Fire Departments and all other departments who in any way assisted me in making it possible for Pine Banks Park to be a favorite recreational center for all.

Respectfully submitted,

George F. Gray.

Superintendent, Pine Banks Park

Cash on hand December 31, 1956 in the First National Bank Savings Department as shown by pass book #15223 $1245.47

Appropriations

City of Malden		
Salaries	$9727.30	
Sundry expenses	3279.00	
Travel account	225.00	
Sylvan St. Corner	1383.50	
Truck account	1400.00	$16014.80
City of Melrose		
Salaries	9509.50	
Sundry expenses	3000.00	
Travel account	225.00	
Sylvan St. corner	1662.50	
Truck account	1400.00	15797.00
Total appropriation for both cities		$31811.80

Expenditures

City of Malden		
Salaries	$9479.73	
Sundry expenses	3255.81	
Travel account	225.00	
Sylvan St. corner	1382.60	
Truck account	1385.94	$15729.08
City of Melrose		
Salaries	9483.02	
Sundry expenses	2967.61	
Travel account	225.00	
Sylvan St. corner	1653.90	
Truck account	1387.30	15716.83
Total expenditures for both cities		$31445.91

Unexpended balances

City of Malden	$285.72	
City of Melrose	80.17	365.89
Total expenditures and balances		$31811.80

Robert A Hodgdon
Treas

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The City Planning Board herewith respectfully submits its report for the year 1956 -

During the year, the Board held twelve Regular meetings. Four Special meetings, April 6, with the Mayor and the President of the Board of Aldermen and the Supt. of Public Works; May 21, November 1 and December 6 for special work on the Revision of Regulations were held. All street petitions forwarded by the City Clerk were studied and acted upon.

SUBDIVISIONS - The Board made five on-the-site inspections of land developments under discussion - Slayton Park, Waverly Avenue, Boston Rock Park, Laurel Street Extension and Morningside.

Preliminary conferences were held concerning land near Waverly Avenue, Laurel Street Extension, Boston Rock Park and Morningside.

Preliminary hearings were held for Sunset Road Extension, Boston Rock Park and Morningside. The latter two subdivisions are still without tentative approval because of drainage problems.

Public hearings were held on definitive plans for two subdivisions which have since been approved; April 23, Carlida Road-Cranmore Lane - a plan to correct street alignment of lots at junction of the two streets and to remove an undesirable small lot from the plan; June 25, Sunset Road Extension.

In the Slayton Park Subdivision, the performance bond of the developer has been in breach and the matter has been referred to the City Solicitor for adjustment.

SUBDIVISIONS BELIEVED NOT TO REQUIRE APPROVAL - Procedure for handling applications for these cases was set up making available to the public time for conferences with three authorized members of the Planning Board. The goal of the Board has been to operate a strict interpretation of the General Laws and City Ordinances to prevent undesirable use of land in Melrose. Forty-two cases were received by the Board. Thirty-six received endorsement of the Board; endorsement was denied in five cases and in one case, the Board took no action because it did not approve the plan, but felt it had no legal grounds for refusing an endorsement.

RESEARCH - An extensive study of the Regulations of other communities has been made as a basis for the Revision of the Melrose Planning Board Regulations which are now in the process of being redrafted. In response to an Aldermanic request, special consideration has been given to a requirement in the Regulations that all improvements be built in the Subdivisions by the Developer.

PLANNING BOARD

A special study was made in response to Aldermanic request concerning a proposed amendment of Chapter 23, Section 11-A of the Revised Ordinances entitled "Removal of Sod, Loam, Gravel and Stone regulated". A public hearing on the amendment was held April 23 and a recommended approach to the problem and suggested revision was forwarded from the Planning Board to the Board of Aldermen.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD - Three new members, Walter V. Robinson, Ronald H. Winde and Lillian V. Macdonald joined the Board; two members filling unexpired terms, John E. Buddington and Dr. Kenneth L. Maclachlan, were re-appointed. The Board was notified of the resignation of Philip Brown in November. At the annual election, Mr. Buddington was re-elected to his second term as Chairman and Mrs. Hartzell as Clerk. The Board contemplates with pleasure, moving to an office which will accomodate conferences and hearings convenient to its files.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - The Board is cognizant of the problem of undeveloped areas in the City and has under consideration their proper development. Efforts were made by the Planning Board to obtain help from the State Division of Planning on a project which would develop a Master Plan for the Southeast section of the City. Since no assistance can be provided by the Division under their budget, the Planning Board proposed for consideration that the job be done by a private agency.

Ten years have passed since the Master Plan of 1947 was issued for the City and since there is a need for the overall coordination of planning and financing City projects at this time, consideration has been given a study project to produce a new Master Plan for the City.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Buddington,
Chairman
Melrose Planning Board.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 21, 1957

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 2-39 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Melrose Police Department for the Year ending December 31, 1956.

Number of duty calls	73,384
Number of telephone calls	7,033
Number of radio calls	2,337
Number of ambulance calls	783

ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1956

Offenses against the person:				
Assault and Battery	4	Males	0	Females
Robbery, armed	1	Male	0	Females
Assault, Indecent	2	Males	0	Females
Total	7	Males	0	Females
Offenses against property:				
Breaking and entering and larceny	5	Males	0	Females
Larceny	11	Males	5	Females
Damage to property	9	Males	0	Females
Trespass	1	Male	0	Females
Stolen property, Receiving	1	Male	0	Females
Forgery and Uttering	1	Male	0	Females
Using Motor Vehicle without authority	9	Males	0	Females
Total	37	Males	5	Females
Offenses against public order:				
Drunkenness	36	Males	1	Female
Traffic Violations	168	Males	38	Females
Motor Vehicle violations	117	Males	24	Females
Operating M.V. under influence	9	Males	0	Females
Insane	5	Males	4	Females
Non-support	3	Males	3	Females
Violation of Probation	8	Males	1	Female
Lewdness	2	Males	0	Females
A. W. O. L. - Military	2	Males	0	Females
Runaway	2	Males	2	Females
Illegitimacy	3	Males	0	Females

Annual Report - Melrose Police Department

Fireworks, unlawfully selling	4	Males	0	Females
False alarm, ringing of	0	Males	3	Females
Obscene pictures, having in possession	1	Male	0	Females
Default Warrants	0	Males	1	Female
Disorderly conduct	6	Males	0	Females
Indecent Exposure	2	Males	0	Females
Stubborn child	0	Males	2	Females
Non-payment of wages	2	Males	0	Females
Sunday Law, violations	1	Male	0	Females
Prisoner, escaped	0	Males	1	Female
Total	371	Males	80	Females

Arrests on Warrants	30
Arrests without Warrants	523
Total	553
Males	467
Females	86
Minors	22
Delinquents	6
Residents	300
Non-residents	253
Insane Males	5
Insane Females	4
In Court	418
Number of Cases	830
Assisted in arrests	65
Accidents reported	609
Ambulance Cases	783
Automobiles stopped and warned	355
Automobiles tagged (2,070 3-Way summonses issued out of 2284 tags)	2284
Buildings found open	268
Cases investigated	2434
Dead bodies found	3
Defective streets and sidewalks	3
Defective wires	9
Disturbances suppressed	41
Dogs killed	3
Fire alarms attended	142
Fire alarms given	28
Fires extinguished without alarm	4
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	37
Letters delivered	958
Lost children restored	64
Notices served	1
Sick and injured persons assisted	148
Street lights reported out	43
Street obstructions reported or removed	6
Summonses served	594
Visits to libraries	133
Water lea ks reported	8
Traffic duty	25,646

Annual Report - Melrose Police Department

Special Messages	353
Extra duty	114
Dog bites	5
Dead animals	38
Vacant houses inspected	4295
Banks inspected	5524
Autos stolen	13
Autos Recovered	19
Amount of property recovered in City	$ 38,139.38
Amount of property stolen in City	20,666.00
Lost property returned to owner	38,063.13

I wish to commend the members of this Department for their co-operation and loyalty in maintaining the efficiency of the Department.

I further wish to commend the Auxiliary Police for their co-operation and loyalty in the past year in sacrificing their time to the extent of 1219 assignments totaling 3215½ man hours by 45 members of the Auxiliary, and in doing so assisted this Department in many assignments through-out the year.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to His Honor the Mayor and to the Honorable Board of Aldermen and to all other Departments for their assistance and co-operation with this Department.

Respectfully submitted

George D. MacWilliams

George D. MacWilliams
Captain in Charge
Melrose Police Department

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

for the

Year ending December 31, 1956

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Herbert L. Hammond, Chairman

William L. Carney

Edwin W. Lundquist

Elisabeth M. Perkins

Elinor H. Tibbetts

Howard B. Wilder

THE LIBRARY STAFF

Helen Anderson, Librarian

Barbara G. Mason, Assistant Librarian

Caro F. Nims, Children's Librarian

Margaret Lorenz, Cataloger

Rhoda M. Parmenter, Circulation Librarian

Genieve R. Hanks, Highlands Branch Librarian

Audrey C. Bergmann, Reference Librarian

Katherine J. Watson, General Assistant (Desk Jan. - Aug.)

Ann R. Love, General Assistant (Desk Sept. - Dec.)

Patricia H. Stephen, General Assistant (Catalog)

Ruth B. Zarella, General Assistant (Catalog Dec.)

Frances Hjerpe, General Assistant (Children's)

Ruth Winship, General Assistant (Highlands Jan. - July)

Ethel M. Perkins, Assistant, East Side Branch

M. Pearl Rawding, Assistant, Ward 7 Branch

Jean P. Sewell, Assistant, Wyoming Branch

Edwin W. Allen, Building Custodian

PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 6, 1957

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit their annual report for 1956.

The accompanying Librarian and Staff reports indicate the general services available and continued growth of circulation and registration.

The 1956 accomplishments have been limited to (1) a new exit from the second floor, thus meeting the fire regulations and permitting maximum seating capacity in the lecture room,(2) window repairs, appropriation for which covered one-third of the estimated cost, allowing the worst ones to be done.

The Chairman regrets that he leaves the Board (due to residence requirements) with the problems of modernization and expansion unsolved. Close cooperation between the Librarian and Staff,the Trustees and the Mayor and Aldermen will be needed, along with the forbearance of the public, until the time of agreement, appropriation and accomplishment can be surmounted.

The Board of Trustees are grateful for the sustained interest of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen and are appreciative of the efforts of the Librarian and her Staff in maintaining good service to our patrons.

Respectfully submitted

Herbert L. Hammond

Chairman
Board of Trustees

LIBRARY STATISTICS ACCORDING TO
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM

Name of Library.....Melrose Public Library
City and State .....Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of Librarian.....Helen Anderson
Date of Founding.....1871
Population.....(annual listing - City of Melrose).....29,304
Number of agencies.....Main Library, 1 branch, 3 branches in schools
Number of days open during the year 290
Hours open each week.....Main Library 63 (10 months); 55 (2 months)
Number of volumes at the beginning of the year.....70,749
Number of volumes added by purchase..... 3,970
Number of volumes added by gift 140
Number of volumes withdrawn 2,714
Number of volumes at the end of the year.....72,145
Circulation of books.....233,284
Number of registered borrowers.....13,846

MRS. NIMS REPORTS FOR THE CHILDREN

The early months of 1956 saw much activity in the Children's Department. There were the weekly movies, from January through April.

The pre-school group averaged 15 young children every Wednesday through the winter and spring months. Marjorie Pederson, with the volunteer help of the mothers, gave her services. Interest in the class increased so much that the meetings were moved across the street to the Unitarian Parish House, in the fall, for larger quarters.

Story hours were held on Saturday afternoons for older children during the winter, spring and early summer months.

The summer reading club had Indian tribes and wigwams as their symbols this year. 230 children registered, 95 completed the reading, and were entertained by Mr. Snook at the party in October. Prizes of new books were awarded the winners, certificates were given out and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Nims again took books to each grade room in the schools for a book talk. Mrs. Hjerpe covered the kindergarten classes with stories from picture books.

Collections of twenty books were sent to each second, third and fourth grade in the city. Every two months the books rotated so each child saw about 100 books. In this collection are 1,120 books and plans are being made to furnish fifth-grade classes with books.

About 75 lovely new books were added for the Book Week season.

A charging machine was added to the Children's Room. It is much appreciated by the staff, it fascinates the children, and its accuracy is a great asset.

The Camp Fire Girls and Bluebirds are to be commended and thanked for the colorful posters furnished by them each month.

BOOK STATISTICS - Juvenile:

Added - Main 602, Highlands 301, Branches 318		1,221
Discarded - Main 698, Highlands 294		944
At end of year juvenile books in all libraries		18,810
Spent for juvenile books:		$2,318.05
Main	$1,309.75	
Highlands	501.30	
Branches	507.00	

CIRCULATION - Juvenile: 92,930

Main	33,769	
Highlands	18,010	
East Side	9,155	
Wyoming	6,619	
Ward 7	6,694	
Schools from Main Desk		5,637
School collections		
Grade 2		2,741
Grade 3		5,643
Grade 4		4,662

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Disability can't keep children away from the library! Perhaps it helps the urge to come. A seventh grade boy from a nearby home rolled up in a wheel chair every two weeks to change his books - manoeuvered his chair down the steps and around the room, selected his books and made his way back up the steps and happily rolled back home. This went on over a six-month period or more, until now crutches help him on his way. The mother adds that it afforded him a great deal of pleasure.

A stuffed baby seal from Labrador was the gift of Mrs. G. Mervyn Haigh. The children have become very fond of "George, Jr."

INFORMATION AND REFERENCE WORK

"The teen-age group holds an important place in the life of the Melrose Public Library," reports Mrs. Bergmann. "Because of limited space, the High School study room is combined with the reference room. Much time and thought is given to providing these young people with books to aid them in their studies as well as to give them pleasure reading."

Emphasis has been placed on cooperation between the school department and the library. In the spring of 1956 an invitation was issued to the 13 eighth grade classes of the public schools to visit in supervised groups the adult department of the library, to acquaint them with its working tools. This experiment proved so successful that it is hoped to make it a regular activity.

Work has been continued on improving the information and picture files with the assistance of the cataloger.

Discarding activity, with the librarian, has meant the replacing of many out-dated subject books with new ones. Discarded adult books numbered over 1,200 at the Main Library.

BULLETIN ATTRACTIONS

Bulletin and display work in 1956 deserve a compliment. There were seasonal displays - snow scenes, picnics, college and back-to-school, graduation days, harvest, flowers and gardens, Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving; table collections that included Stories behind the News, Books into Movies, Interesting Lives and Happy Endings.

The weekly current book display in 1956 had an accompanying bulletin tying in with books of the week: National Parks, Suez Canal, Election, George Bernard Shaw, Negro Talent, Authors, or Distinguished Persons, such as Albert Schweitzer; Shells, and Travel Pictures to illustrate a new book of travel. The Young People's collection has been kept lively with a gay bulletin above it. The lobby wing bulletin has carried current news of an educational nature, and special items. Bulletins at the foot of the stairs often carried talked-about topics.

FROM THE MAIN DESK

Miss Parmenter reports a busy year in the Circulation Department in 1956. Much credit is due the staff for the smooth transition to the charging machine in July. New book cards were typed and borrowers' cards were issued. From May 16 - December 31, 4,238 adult cards and 2,506 juvenile ones were issued. The present total of registered borrowers is 13,846, which includes 9,578 adult (918 new) and 4,268 juvenile (771 new).

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Total book circulation was 233,284 which includes 140,354 adult (115,578 from Main Desk) and 92,930 juvenile.

3,153 phonograph records were borrowed and 301 pictures.

Interlibrary loan: We loaned 33 books to other libraries and borrowed 36, plus 45 foreign language books (German, French, Spanish) from the Division of Public Libraries.

Shut-In service: 415 parcels, totaling 2,752 books were sent out to persons confined at home.

At the Melrose Hospital 3,336 books were borrowed. Mrs. George Beck of Glen Street volunteered for another year with the book truck, and thanks to her, Mrs. Frank Morgan of Sargent Street who had been a patient and enjoyed Mrs. Beck's visits, called the library and volunteered her services. Mrs. Morgan carried on alone in August and September and since October 1st the two have enabled the Library to serve the patients twice a week.

Melrose Mothers Club has received about 100 books taken to their seven meetings by Club Librarians, Mrs. J. Robinson Fogg and Mrs. Robert J. Tondreau.

CATALOG WORK

Mrs. Lorenz reports the cataloging of 2,889 adult books and the withdrawal of 1,770, with accompanying card work. With the reference librarian, her work is continuous on weeding and improving the information file. Taking inventory is also a never ending task. 151 volumes were reported as missing from the adult department at the end of the year.

LOSSES IN PERSONNEL

Mrs. Katherine Watson, a valued assistant since 1950, several years in the Children's Department, and a year and a half as Circulation Assistant, left at the end of August.

Mrs. Patricia Stephen, who has worked at the library since 1953, finished at the end of the year.

Mrs. Ruth Winship, who worked with children at Highlands Branch, terminated her duties in July.

Mrs. Roberta Ruliffson and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Smith have been very helpful in their excellent part-time work.

NEW PERSONNEL

Mrs. Ann Love became General Assistant at the Circulation Desk on September 1.

Mrs. Ruth Zarella is the new General Assistant to the Cataloger.

Mrs. Helen Harmen has been hired as a general office and Main Desk assistant.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

One of the newcomers to the staff was asked, "What about the library impresses you most?"

Her reply was, "The services it offers." She went on to enumerate Records to borrow; Pictures that can go out; Questions that may be answered. She added that the immensity of the task of keeping the books in their right places is somewhat appalling. The struggle to achieve proper order is increased by the crowded shelves.

Another newcomer to the staff expressed amazement at the amount of work that has to be done behind the scenes.

Still a third new assistant mentioned how much she appreciated the wealth of material on the Fine Arts - the beautiful volumes of famous paintings; and the music available, scores and records - one can get a different composer every week and get an education in music appreciation.

HIGHLANDS BRANCH

Mrs. Hanks reports that her branch has held its own and increased in circulation slightly: Adult 16,275, Juvenile 18,010 with a total of 34,285.

In preparation for installing a charging machine, new cards were typed for most of the 10,000 books.New borrowers' cards were issued - 764 adult, 580 juvenile. 458 adult new books and 301 juvenile ones were added in 1956.

The heating problem which existed in the early part of the year was satisfactorily corrected by the installation of three more radiators by the owners, the Highlands Woman's Club. This was much appreciated.

The second graders made their usual visits to the library to become acquainted with the facilities and use of books.

HAVE THE BRANCHES IN SCHOOLS BEEN WORTHWHILE? is a question sometimes asked of Miss Mason, their supervisor.

The obvious answer is that 2,315 persons are registered borrowers:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total	
East	307	695	1,002	
Wyoming	384	598	982	
Ward 7	128	203	331	
				2,315

Next useful figures are circulation of books over a 5-year period:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
East			
1956	1,733	9,155	10,888
1955	2,221	8,596	10,817
1954	2,413	8,504	10,917
1953	2,707	7,778	10,845
1952	2,413	7,906	10,319
Wyoming			
1956	2,583	6,619	9,202
1955	3,248	6,217	9,465
1954	2,760	6,818	9,578
1953	2,533	5,639	8,172
1952	4,215	5,619	9,834

PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Ward 7			
1956	4,185	6,694	10,879
1955	5,317	7,266	12,583
1954	5,126	6,541	11,667
1953	5,129	5,917	11,046
1952	5,669	5,490	11,159
	52,252	104,759	157,011

Annual totals for East, Wyoming, and Ward 7 combined		Annual totals for East and Wyoming combined	
1956	30,969	20,090	
1955	32,865	20,282	
1954	32,162	20,495	
1953	29,703	21,891	
1952	31,312	20,153	
	157,011		102,911

Annual average over the 5-year period for the three combined:

Adult	Juvenile	Total
10,450	20,951	31,402

Annual average over the 5-year period for East & Wyoming combined: 20,582

It is apparent that children borrow at least twice as many books as do adults from the branches in schools. An average of 31,000 books borrowed each year is assuredly worthwhile.

PROJECTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

Building: On May 15, Mrs. Galick, Director, and Miss Cahill, Supervisor of Field Services, for the Massachusetts Division of Library Extension, made a Survey of the Public Library in Melrose at the request of the Trustees. In the concluding statement they said, "It is clearly evident that Melrose...has outgrown its 1904 library building and needs to face up to the issue of developing its public library services and facilities to meet and anticipate the community's present and growing needs." Specific needs enumerated are: More Space to Store and Display Books; More Adequate Reading and Reference Rooms for Adults; New and Enlarged Facilities for Service to Boys and Girls; More Space and Service for Its Young Adults; Adequate, Well-Equipped Work Area; More Economical and Efficient Means of Serving Community Centers Remote from the Central Building.

The Librarian has worked out a tentative preliminary estimate of spaces needed to carry out these recommendations, with the cooperation of the Board of Trustees Chairman, Mr. Hammond.

Fire Exit: A second exit, required by safety rules, was completed from the lecture room to the rear balcony at the head of the stairs.

Shelving: Moving of the music collection to the second floor was necessitated by taking the space for the stairway. Shelving not only for the music collection, but also enough to house all the art books now on rear balcony shelves was estimated. Its ordering awaits passage of the budget.

The Mary A. Livermore Library of Fine Arts has been much overcrowded. A beautiful new case with glass doors has been completed and houses about 300 books in the upper hallway.

Over 20 worn-out casement windows were replaced by the Trustees.

Recordak: In 1954 the Library had the Melrose Journal from 1870 - 1903 microfilmed. We are happy to report that the library now has a Recordak for reading the films. Patrons also may use the reader for other microfilms. Request has been made for funds to microfilm bound volumes of the Melrose Free Press, 1904 - date.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Barbara Mason has served as Secretary of the Community Council for three years. She has been in charge of the Community Council Calendar of Dates kept at the library for a number of years, and keeps the list of organization officers.

Genieve Hanks has furnished a weekly book review column to the Melrose Free Press. The Catalog Department compiles the weekly listing of new books and records for the paper.Thanks are extended to the Melrose Free Press for the generous space and cooperation.

The Catalog Department compiled a list of books on the Near East to be distributed at the Forum on the Near East held at the Roosevelt School under the sponsorship of the League of Women Voters.

The Librarian sent 250 letters of welcome to Newcomers through the Welcome Wagon representative. At the same time a list of books of interest to new mothers is sent by Miss Parmenter.

MEETINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Meetings were held at the library by the African Violet Club,Melrose Camera Club,Girl Scouts, the Art Class, Community Council Committees, Pond feilde Club Committee, League of Women Voters, and others. The Art Class made a study of French art and American Art.

STAFF ATTENDANCE

By invitation, librarians attended meetings of the Melrose Garden Club, the Florence Crittenton League, The Melrose Woman's Club,and The Melrose Highlands Woman's Club, privileges much appreciated.

Library meetings attended: N. E. L. A. at Swampscott, New Ocean House; North Shore Library Club at Everett and at Swampscott Public Library; and regular meetings of the Pioneer Group and Boston Book Review Club.

The annual meeting of the American Library Association was held at Miami Beach, Florida, from June 16-22. While there the Librarian visited modern library buildings at both Miami and Miami Beach, and the beautiful addition at St. Petersburg with its outdoor reading room.

New Additions, beautifully done, were inspected at the Swampscott Public Library, at the Watertown Public Library, and at the Providence Public Library. The Pioneer Group was entertained at the new library at Regis College in Weston.

To the Trustees of the Library credit is given for supporting the accomplishments above mentioned, the Trustees, in turn being supported by our very cooperative Mayor and Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Anderson
Librarian

PUBLIC LIBRARY

CREDITS AND DEBITS FROM APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

	Credits	Debits	Balance Dec.31,1956
Salaries and Wages	$46,377.86	$47,721.09	$ 395.94
Additional Appropriation	1,739.17		
Other Expenses	2,600.00	2,740.79	9.21*
Transfers (Fines)	150.00		
Books and Periodicals	4,000.00	10,786.28	85.90*
Dog Tax	2,872.18		
Transfers (Fines)	4,000.00		
Fuel and Light	1,500.00	1,590.64	59.36*
Transfers (Fines)	150.00		
Building and Janitor's Supplies	718.00	712.65	5.35
Rent, Highlands Branch	1,500.00	1,500.00	00.00
Binding	1,430.00	1,628.03	1.97*
Transfers (Fines)	200.00		
New Equipment	950.00	947.63	2.37
Out-of-state Travel	100.00	100.00	00.00
Roof Repairs	500.00	222.45	277.55
Renovation of Casement Windows	1,500.00	1,243.39	256.61**
Indoor Fire Exit	1,000.00	1,055.79	00.00
Extra Appropriation	55.79		
	71,343.00	70,248.74	1,094.26

*Returned to Library Fines Account
**Held over

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM TRUST FUNDS OF WHICH THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAVE THE CUSTODY

	Balance Jan. 1, 1956	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1956
Sarah A. Chever Fund	$ 768.17	$ 23.21		$ 791.38
Stephen C. Deering Fund	492.09	14.87		506.96
Jabez Dyer Fund	1,240.63	34.11	225.00	1,049.74
(Melrose Savings Bank)	48.60		15.00	33.60
(Melrose Trust Co.)				
Sarah E. Odlin Fund	2,197.36	64.45	131.30	2,130.51
	4,746.85	136.64	371.30	4,512.19

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CITY TREASURER

	Balance Jan. 1, 1956	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec.31, 1956
William E. Bailey Fund	$3,122.89	$ 75.00		$ 3,197.89
William E. Barrett Fund	77.91	2.26		80.17
Horatio N. Perkins Fund	632.63	15.00		647.63
Duplicate Fund	259.35	816.86	722.57	353.64
Fines Account	3,518.57	3,819.02	4,500.00	2,837.59
Unexpended balance from disbursements		154.47		154.47
	7,611.35	4,882.61	5,222.57	7,271.39

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To His Honor, The Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report for the year ending December, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M CUSHMAN, CHAIRMAN
Vivian B. Adams
Gertrude M. Curtin
John W. Huse
William J. Neely

Reflecting the general inflationary trend, the costs of conducting our Public Assistance Program continue to rise. Effective July 1, 1956, payments on Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance were increased as a result of a 5.07% rise in the cost of living index. This means that there has been a 20% increase in the state standard budget over the basic figures which were established in August, 1947.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The caseload in Old Age Assistance continued in 1956 the downward trend which began in 1952. Seventy-five cases were closed; 42 because of death, 12 by reason of transfer to another city or town, and the remaining 21 for the most part became ineligible because of increased resources, lessened need, or admission to an institution. The board considered 95 applications during the year. Sixty-six requests were approved; 26 were denied or withdrawn and there were three applications pending December 21, 1956. The impact of Old Age and Survivors Insurance can be seen when it is noted that 31 of the approved cases were receiving benefits from this source totaling $1507.80 per month.

As we have remarked in previous years many aged persons are able to meet ordinary living expenses but when they require hospital or nursing home care, their resources prove inadequate. The costs of such care stand at the highest level yet and constitute the largest item of expenditure for Old Age Assistance. The total for 1956 was $130,023.84 paid for care of an average of 369 recipients a month as compared with $127,458.01 for 386 recip-

ients in 1955. These expenditures for the two years were distributed as follows:

	1955	1956
Hospitals	$ 18,916.98	$ 23,602.71
Physicians	8,219.00	6,961.90
Nursing Homes	83,121.39	78,480.18
Drugs	13,321.96	15,728.86
Dentistry	881.00	1,487.50
Out-patient clinics	130.00	156.00
Glasses and eye tests	1,274.75	1,140.00
Red Cross Nursing Care	602.50	654.00
Other (x-rays, laboratory) (hearing aids, etc.)	990.43	1,812.69
	$127,458.01	$130,023.84

The basic eligibility requirements for Old Age Assistance have remained virtually unchanged for many years. However, Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1956, which became effective on November 7, 1956, extended the benefits of Old Age Assistance to non-citizens who have resided in the United States for 20 years. There has not been any influx of applications because of this change in the law, the 10 applications which had been approved by the end of December 1956, coming from aliens who were already in receipt of Disability Assistance or General Relief. There have been three applications from non-citizens who have never received aid, in each case for hospitalization and medical expense too great for them to carry unassisted. It is too early to tell whether the law will result in a substantial increase in the Old Age Assistance caseload since there has not been much publicity concerning the change and in addition the alien population in Melrose is small.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

There were 13 applications for Aid to Dependent Children during 1956 plus one request pending from 1955. Twelve cases were approved; the other two were denied. Thirteen cases were closed during the year, for the most part because of increased resources.

We have in previous reports commented that lack of support from the father stemming from desertion or divorce was the reason for many applications. In 1956 this was true in all 12 of the approved cases. The uniform enforcement of support law now in effect in all forty eight states was amended so that action is now brought in the District Court rather than the Probate Court, a less cumbersome and expensive procedure. During 1956 actions were initiated in the First District Court of Eastern Middlesex at Malden against four deserting fathers, three living in California and one in New Jersey. Two of the men disappeared before service of process could be com-

pleted but the other two were brought before the courts in jurisdictions where they are now living and both have since contributed regularly toward the support of their children. The task of locating the father and verifying his wages before the initiating action is a time-consuming one and unless the man is well established in his new job and home, he may well have moved on by the time his employment has been traced through the Social Security records. Even so, the new arrangement is a vast improvement over the former situation. An efficient and diligent probation department is a prime requisite to assure effective operation of this law.

The caseload fluctuated from 21 to 25 families and 49 to 63 children throughout the year. We believe that these children, despite their broken homes, appear to be receiving reasonably good care from parents or other relatives with whom they are living. They are not turning up as problem children in school or community life; and low expenditure on their account for medical care would indicate that they are being properly fed and clothed and protected in their present homes. Comparable items of medical expense for 1955 and 1956 are as follows:

	1955	1956
Hospital	$ 424.15	$ 808.21
Physicians	330.60	113.00
Drugs	824.77	589.86
Dentists, eye care, etc.	527.98	635.73
	$2,107.50	$2,146.82

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

A total of 19 applications for Disability Assistance were considered in 1956, 16 new and three pending from 1955. Fourteen were approved and the other five were withdrawn or denied. Nineteen cases were closed; two transferred to other cities; seven recipients died during the year; three found employment; the remaining seven were transferred to Old Age Assistance when the non-citizen eligibility law became effective in November, 1956.

As might be expected, the medical costs in this Disability Assistance are high. Now and then it is necessary to pay $21.75 per day for a patient who may be hospitalized for several months at the Peter Bent Brigham or Massachusetts General, or confined in a chronic hospital for many years at a cost of over $300.00 a month. Itemized medical expenses for 1955 and 1956 follow:

	1955	1956
Hospital	$ 5,953.73	$ 9,532.77
Nursing Homes	7,042.61	8,002.19
Physicians	949.00	962.50
Drugs	1,395.01	1,882.89
Red Cross Nursing Care	235.50	310.00
Other	436.90	610.00
	$16,012.75	$21,309.35

In last years report, we mentioned the importance of making every effort to rehabilitate those receiving relief in this category and the difficulty involved because in many instances this disability has been of such long duration and work habits so poorly developed. However, we feel that some progress has been made in this particular and we have worked out quite satisfactory arrangements with the rehabilitation agencies.

The 1956 amendments to the Social Security law, effective July 1, 1957, provide for payment of Old Age and Survivors Benefits to disabled workers, age 50 and over. The Disability Assistance caseload has been screened and recipients who appear to be eligible have filed claims with the Social Security Board. Several of the recipients will undoubtedly be eligible for benefits which will eventually bring about a reduction in both caseload and assistance payments.

GENERAL RELIEF

The General Relief caseload fluctuated from 12 to 21 cases per month during 1956 with 45 cases being approved throughout the year and 51 closed. Unemployment has not been a problem but we are concerned by the fact that a number of families found it necessary to apply for assistance the same week that they were faced with a small but unexpected emergency. Some of these families have had an average income and steady wages over a long period of time but use up their entire income for day-to-day living and installment payments. They have little or no savings and thus cannot weather a brief period of unemployment or a few days of illness without applying for public assistance. If there should be even a slight economic recession, it would seem that there would be many applications for general relief.

A number of the General Relief recipients received only medical care, the costs of which were distributed as follows:

Hospital	$1,716.66
Physicians	230.00
Nursing Home	100.00
Drugs	297.74
All Other	185.16
	$2,529.56

In addition to the Social Security Amendment providing for benefits to be paid at age 50 to disabled workers, there were two other revisions liberalizing the eligibility requirements. As of October 1, 1956, women became eligible for benefits at age 62 rather than at age 65 and this applies to retired insured workers, and to widows or wives of retired insured wage earners. Two recipients of public assistance qualified under these provisions and are receiving benefits totaling $110.80 per month. The other amendment, effective 1/1/57, provides for benefits to dependent disabled children age 18 or over whose parents are deceased or retired insured wage earners, provided the child became totally disabled before reaching age 18. One recipient, a 24-year old girl, became eligible for this benefit and no longer needed public assistance.

Mary J. Melville

Mary J. Melville
WELFARE AGENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1956

RECEIPTS	City Funds	Federal Funds	TOTAL
Administration:			
Salaries and	$ 11020.00	$ 15694.09	$ 26714.09
Other Expenses			
Out of State Travel	125.00		125.00
General Relief	20500.00		20500.00
Old Age Assistance	245000.00	153652.21	398652.21
Aid to Dependent Children	17000.00	16402.31	33402.31
Disability Assistance	29000.00	13462.97	42462.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	$ 322645.00	$ 199211.58 *1	$ 521856.58

EXPENDITURES	City Funds	Federal Funds	TOTAL
Administration:			
Salaries	$ 10878.51	$ 11580.84	$ 22459.35
Other Expenses	47.70	1738.69	1786.39
Out of State Travel	125.00		125.00
General Relief	19968.53		19968.53
Old Age Assistance	242762.44	143669.90	386432.34
Aid to Dependent Children	16708.28	14991.83	31700.11
Disability Assistance	28461.15	13323.95	41785.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	$ 318951.61	$ 185305.21	$ 504256.82 #2

*1 - Includes $12483.99 balance from 1955
#2 - Unexpended balance 17599.76
To Estimated Receipts 3693.39
To Federal Fund--1957 13906.37

EXPENDITURES FOR SELECTED YEARS 1945--1956

FEDERAL AND CITY FUNDS COMBINED.

	1945	1947	1949	1951	1953	1955	1956
Administration: Salaries and Other Expenses	$ 9120.30	12088.27	15899.92	17847.89	22591.04	25090.93	24245.74
Out of State Travel				100.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
General Relief	19882.95	22943.16	38990.90	39998.40	24848.92	32476.05	19968.53
Old Age Assistance.	151375.58	228337.17	331151.67	376116.34	425044.96	385328.55	386432.34
Disability Assistance					23365.75	33755.02	41785.10
Aid to Dependent Children	14580.28	24490.04	32585.89	30771.39	29293.03	27005.95	31700.11
Totals:	$ 194595.11	287858.64	418628.38	464834.02	525268.70	503780.50	504256.82

ASSISTANCE CASE LOAD

Month	Old Age Assistance Individuals	Disability Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children Families[1]	General Relief Singles	General Relief Families[2]
January	380	33	22(49)	15	4(15)
February	372	34	23(57)	16	4(12)
March	368	32	23(61)	16	2(7)
April	373	32	23(60)	14	2(5)
May	370	32	25(64)	17	4(6)
June	369	33	23(60)	10	6(16)
July	364	31	24(63)	13	2(1)
August	367	31	24(60)	14	4(7)
September	368	31	22(56)	13	2(3)
October	360	30	23(56)	11	3(7)
November	364	31	21(54)	16	4(13)
December	369	28	21(53)	14	2(5)

1. No. of children in these families
2. No. of persons in families including adults and children.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES AND REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1956

	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	DISABILITY ASSISTANCE	GENERAL RELIEF	ADMINISTRATION	TOTAL RELIEF AND ADMINISTRATION
	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL	386,432.34 - 100.0	31,700.11 - 100.0	41,785.10 - 100.0	19,968.53 - 100.0	24,370.74 - 100.0	504,256.82 - 100.0
FEDERAL	146,635.87 - 37.9	14,847.18 - 46.8	13,175.53 - 31.5		12,067.69 - 49.5	186,726.27 - 37.0
STATE	175,005.51 - 45.3	9,839.00 - 31.1	17,472.29 - 41.8	4,458.82 - 19.8	531.41 - 2.2	207,307.03 - 41.1
RECOVERIES AND OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS *	12,577.78 - 3.3	38.51 - .1		3,946.44 - 22.3		16,562.73 - 3.3
MELROSE	52,213.18 - 13.5	6,975.42 - 22.0	11,137.28 - 26.7	11,563.27 - 57.9	11,771.64 - 48.3	93,660.79 - 18.6

Notes - * This item chiefly reimbursements from other cities and towns where recipients have legal settlement
Settlement law does not apply in Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor
and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the Public Works Department for the year of 1956.

, The year of 1956 was not marked by any outstanding planned achievements carried out under the direction of the Public Works Depart ment however it is appropriate to mention that construction is off to a good start on the drainage tunnel under Malden which will ultimately relieve a large part of our drainage problems in the south west part of Melrose. This project is being carried out with state funds under the direction of the Metropolitan District Commission. Aside from an unexpected series of heavy snow storms in March there was an absence of flood and hurricanes which we have experienced many times in the past few years.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division is under the direction of Edwin H. King, Assistant Engineer in charge. He is assisted by Sidney C. Fields First Engineering Assistant, other members of this division being Charles Woodman and Frederick Polk, Senior Engineering Aids and late in December Donald Dias joined the force as a Junior Engineering Aid. In addition to this regular force Francis P. Martin, foreman in the Highway Division again assumed the roll of chief inspector on highway construction aided by two field assistants during the summer.

The planning and preparing for construction and repair work either by contract or city forces together with layout and supervision is to a large degree developed and channeled through this division as indicated below:-

Highway Construction

The highway construction program is by far the largest single project developed and supervised by this division. This year the following streets were built by George Rotondi & Sons, General Contractor under the direction of this division.

B/A Order #	Street and Location	Linear Feet
9100	Russet Lane & Part of Sherwood Rd.	1200
11415	Belmont Pl. (Belmont St. west(	500
11327	Part of Mountain Ave. (Lebanon St. north)	450
11554	" " Potter St. (Malvern St. south)	200
11562	" " Highview Ave. (East Foster St. to Laurel St.)	280
11573	Sycamore Rd. (Slayton Rd. to Waverly Ave. Ext.)	1420

No Chapter 90 work was done on Washington Street this year as the funds are to be carried forward to 1957 for a two year appropriation project.

Sidewalks

Continuous walks also, come under the supervision of this division. In 1956 some of this work such as laying edgestone, the loaming and seeding of grass plots was done by the city forces. The granolithic walks and drives were laid by the Liberty Asphalt Company under contract. This company also had the contract for laying the asphalt sidewalks, both new construction and repair work.

Individual Walks & Driveway Openings

This type of construction is done for the most part by city forces, under the direction of the highway division, however, all of the layout work and the supervision of the contractor wherever contract labor is used is directly under this division.

Sewer and Drain Construction

In 1956 the sewer and drain construction was done by the sewer division using city labor. The engineering division provided the necessary engineering services such as design, layout, grades, estimate construction plans and taking plans where needed.

Water Distribution System

The engineers work for this division for the most part is of a very simple nature, layout, street lines, occasional grades and some location work. The master map showing the entire water system is not up to date so some work must be done on this in the near future.

Building Construction

The accelerated school building program has made some demands on the personnel of this division-survey of site, location of services, inspections, conference with architect and constractors and site development are some of the items that require time and attention of this division.

Ell Pond and City Yard Improvements

Drainage relocations, grading, location and design of the facilities at Ell Pond Park together with miscelaneous improvements at City Yard also come under the direction of this division.

Offstreet Parking

With the hot topping, fencing and painting of parking lanes supervised by the engineers the Larabee Court Parking Lot was put in operation early in the year and should prove a big aid to stores in this area and in addition an area previously poorly maintained has been cleared up and put to good use.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Assistant Superintendent John B. Simonds is in charge of the Highway Division assisted by Francis P. Martin, Civil Service Foreman. This is a division of deversified problems mostly of a maintenance nature the principle one being that of "highway".

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Driveway Openings

During the year 46 new driveway openings were made and 14 widened.

Traffic Signs and Markings

This small but active section of this division is responsible for all of the street signs, no parking signs, stop signs & all special signs, installations, repainting, and repairing. It is also responsible for all the street markings such as center lineing, parking areas, traffic zones, cross walks, etc..

Rubbish Collections

The two new rubbish trucks are doing a satisfactory collection job with one working about two thirds of the time.

The contracts for collecting inflamables and the operation of the dump have been carried out by Michael Connolly who has held the contracts repeatedly for many years.

Garbage

This service is being handled by Henry Paulino, Contractor. The percentage of complaints have been small and some are unjustified however there is always opportunity for improvement. A contractor has his labor problems as well as the city.

Forestry

This section of the Highway Division was extremely active, during the early part of the year. A contract was let to remove 126 trees infected with dutch elm disease. These trees ranged in size from 8" in diameter to 36" in diameter, each tree had to be cut flush to the ground, transported to the dump and burned. In addition to the trees removed by contract the city forces removed 36 trees infected with dutch elm disease and 32 other trees of various species.

In order to offset this loss the city planted 98 young maples and let a contract with Bigelow Nurseries of Northboro to plant over 150 trees on new streets. This contract will not be completed until 1957. This section spends a large portion of its time taking care of complaints, repairing damaged trees, taking dutch elm samples and making themselves generally useful during every emergency.

Helicopter spraying was supervised by Foreman Roger while the other spray requirements were done by our regular four man crew with city equipment.

Where street trees have been cut flush to the ground we have developed a method by use of our air compressors of cutting these stumps four to six inches below the surface at an average of less than three compressor hours per stump.

Again the Gypsy Moth has not been much of a problem.

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Highway Maintenance

The following is a record of streets repaired other than the miscelaneous patching.

Type "H" pavement was placed on the following streets:-

Street	From	To
Stevens Road	Perkins Street	Warwick Road
Ashcroft Road	First Street	Upham Street
First Street	Ashcroft Road	Waverly Avenue
Gooch Street	Upham Street	First Street
Myrtle Street	W. Foster Street	W. Emerson Street

Armor Coating was placed on the following streets:-

Street	From	To
W. Highland Avenue	Main Street	Chipman Avenue
Willow Street	Essex Street	W. Foster Street
Gooch Street	E. Foster Street	Grove Street
Chestnut Park		
Dell Avenue	Upham Street	E. Foster Street
Frost Avenue	Hawes Avenue	Damon Avenue
Trenton Street	W. Foster Street	W. Wyoming Avenue
Gibbons Street	Linwood Avenue	Mystic Avenue
Parker Street	Upham Street	First Street
Botolph Street	Franklin Street	York Terrace
Spear Street	Meachem Street	Hancock Street

The following street was honed:-

Street	From	To
Swains Pond Avenue	Malden line	Penney Road

Sidewalks

List of Continuous Walks

B/A Order #	Street	From	To	Type	Sq. Feet
11223	Sawyer Road	Lincoln Street	School St.	Asphalt	1330.
11489	Melrose Street	Garden Street	Easterly	Granolithic	1047.
11590	Forest St. & Lebanon	Lebanon Street	-	"	2262.
11619	Baystate Road	Damon Avenue	Westerly	Asphalt	4257.
*	Main Street		-	Granolithic	693.

*Completion of 1955 contract between E. Foster and Grove, East side.

List of Individual Walks

Street	Type	Sq. Feet
75 Howard Street on Nelson Road	Granolithic	554
No. 354 Upham Street	"	1027
West side Lincoln Street at Upham Street	"	403
East side Main Street at Grove Street	"	875
891 Main Street	"	886
Decius Beebe School	"	3070
Horace Mann School	"	777
97 Bay State Road	Tar	261

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Snow Removal and Sanding

This year had no spectacular snow storms but it was unique in that most of the snow came at a time when we would be preparing for our spring projects, namely March. As a result we failed to get started on this work until late in April.

It is interesting to note here that one of the most important and expensive items of snow removal today is that of sanding and salting. In 1956 the Highway Division used over 4000 tons of sand.

Miscelaneous

Many city problems which do not fit directly into any other division or city department usually are handled by this division.

SEWER AND DRAINAGE DIVISION

Directed by Assistant Superintendent, Walter Jones this division is engaged for a good part of their efforts in new construction.

Sewer and Drains

A total of 4175 lineal feet of sewers were added to the system., the greater part of which were extensions in new residential developments however the 810 feet of 18" pipe laid in Sylvan St. from Mount Vernon Avenue, west to the trunk sewer is to supplement the 8" pipe which drained the southeast 18" sewer from Mount Vernon Avenue to the trunk. This pipe should have been replaced many years ago, but it had been neglected for various reasons. By adding this link to our system we are better able to serve the entire southeast section. The following list of sewers were built this year.

List of Sewers built - 1956

Street or Location	From	To	Lin. Ft.	Size of Pipe	No. of MHS
Windsor St.	Stanley St.	North end	986	8"	6
ØConrad Rd.	Glendale Ave.	Conrad Rd.	339	8"	4
Rt. of way	Conrad Rd.	Cranmore Lane	273	8"	2
ØSylvan St.	Mt.Vernon Ave.	Main St.	474	18"	2
ØCarlida Rd.	Cranmore Lane	Howard St.	221	8"	3
Laurel St.	Laurel St. Ext.	Trunk sewer	337	8"	4
Messengers Ct.	Messengers Ct.	Westerly	67	8"	-
Cranmore Lane	Carlida Rd.	Northerly	152	8"	1
Swains Pond Ave.	Wheeler Ave.	Beech Ave.	396	8"	3
Bay State Rd.	Present end		265	8"	2
ØCompleted in 1956			3510		27

Summary

Total miles of sewer built in 1956	.66
" " " " in system	70.30 *
Manholes built in 1956	28
Private sewer connections laid in 1956	138
Total # private sewer connections	7384

* This includes the M.D.C. sewers.

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Sewer Maintenance

During 1956 the division released 161 private sewer blocks, excavated and repaired 10 private sewer blocks; cleared 31 blocks in the main system; cleaned and flushed 3 miles of main sewers and served two pumping stations with regular maintenance.

Surface Drainage Construction

The surface drainage activities in 1956 were confined to taking care of several bad conditions in various sections of the City. In the southeast section, the Mountain Avenue brook at Bratley Street was enclosed in a 24" corrugated pipe for a distance of 370 feet. In the Upham Park section a 12" concrete drain was constructed which will help drain the intersections of Wildwood and Bancroft Roads. In the southwest section the drain was extended from the low point in Glen Street through private land to the brook in Lynde Avenue.

Maintenance

The big maintenance or repair project for 1956 was the rebuilding of part of the Ell Pond Brook culvert on Grove Street at Corey Street. This culvert was built originally about 1900 with dry masonary walls and granite covering stones. It has given fine service over the years but finally several of the covering stones gave way undermining the street and causing considerable damage.

This has now been replaced with a new section of culvert 4 ft high, 12 ft. wide and 35 ft. long, built with granite masonary walls and a re-enforced concrete cover. It is hoped that we will be able to finish the remaining section in the near future.

The division has a constant problem in the cleaning of catch basins however with the use of a small digger known as an "Orange Peal" mounted on a truck we are able to facilitate this problem to the point where all the basins are cleaned once a year and most of them are cleaned twice. This year 1500 basins were cleaned with this equipment.

During heavy rain storms constant vigilance is always maintained to keep gratings in open brooks clear as well as catch basins to prevent so far as possible unnecessary floodings.

Three miles of open brooks were cleaned, and 700 ft. of 12" drains were cleaned in the Apple Hill Road section.

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The following is a list of projects completed by the division in 1956:-

Surface Drain Construction - 1956

Location	From	To	Lin.Ft.	Size of Pipe	# of MHS	# of CBS
Center Congregational Church	Rear of bldg.	Cherry St.	204	8"	2	2
Belmont Place	West end of St.	Vinton St.	167	10"		2
Potter Street	South end					1
Russet Lane	At Ellis Farm Lane					1
Perkins Street	At Stevens Road					1
Bratley Street	Easterly and southerly via rt. of way		370	24"	4	2
Wildwood Road	Bancroft Road	Upham St.	475	12"	3	2
Washington St.	Glen St. via rt. of way	Lynde Ave.	605	12"	4	1
Beebe School	Rear of bldg.	W. Foster St.	237	8"	1	1
Slayton Road	North of Sycamore Road					1
			2058		11	14

WATER DIVISION

Headed by Assistant Superintendent Walter Olson and his foreman John Murphy this division with an experienced personel have kept our water distributionn system operating well and have handled well the needed expansions and have accomplished some of the essential relays as follows:-

Main Line Construction

Location	From	To	Size	Lin. Ft.
Bellevue Avenue	Bellevue Avenue	545 Lynn Fells Pkwy.	6"	107
Bratley Street	#26 northerly		8"	76
Conrad Road	Glendale Avenue	To #20	8"	750
Right of Way	Conrad Road	Cranmore Lane	8"	283
Cranmore Lane	#31 Cranmore	Carlida Road	10"	742
Burnett Street	Sycamore Road	Westerly	12"	83
Sycamore Road	#110 Sycamore Rd.	North	12"	55
Waverly Ave.Ext.	Laurel Street	South to plug	12"	330

This year 468 feet more of east side beltline has been laid leaving approximately 2500 linear feet to complete a 12" belt from the Parkway at the Saugus line across the golf links and the Ellis Orchards across Upham Park to Upham Street to Waverly Avenue to Sycamore to Burnett to Grove to Larabee meeting an existing 12" line. Total length of new belt when completed 9375 linear feet.

Relay

New cement lined cast iron pipe was laid in various streets throughout the city to replace old unlined cast iron and old cement pipe. There is still 16,525 feet of this old cement pipe in service in 33 streets and until this pipe has been replaced with new cement lined cast iron our system is subject to broken mains on these streets and disruption of service, Some headway was made this past year when a total of 1355 ft was replaced by new cement lined cast iron pipe.

Main Line Relay

Location	Lin. Ft.	Size ofCI Pipe	From	To	Pipe Replaced
Mountain Ave.	336	10" CL. Pipe	#25		6" unlined
Belmont Pl.	495	6" C.L. "	Belmont Pl.	End	4" old cement
Spear St.	975	10" C.L. "	Meecham St.	Mountain Ave.	6" unlined
Ainsworth Pl.	95	1" Copper "	Tappan St.	End	1" unlined
Beech Ave.	790	10" C.L. "	Lebanon St.	Elliott St.	6" old cement
Lake Ave.	208	8" C.L. "	Tremont St.	East	6" unlined
Harvard St.	30	8" C.L. "	Beech Ave.	Street line	6" old cement
Irving St.	30	8" C. L. "	Beech Ave.	Street line	6" old cement
	2959				

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Service pipe

Services of various sizes, were laid this past year to supply the new homes and business's in the city. The total of 9498 feet of pipe is divided as follows; 215 feet of 4" cement lined cast iron, 106 ft. of 2" C.L.Wrought Iron, 62 ft. of 1½" copper, 108 1" copper and 9007 ft. of 3/4" copper.

Cleaning

Cleaning is divided into two separate operations, the flushing or cleaning of mains and the cleaning of house services. The entire main system was flushed and cleaned in 1956. This work was done at night causing as little inconvenience as possible to the user. 106 house services were cleaned or wiped out, this being done to increase the water pressure of the user and revenue for the city.

Repairing

The following are repairs made on the system during this past year: two emergency repairs, two on cast iron pipe, three on cement pipe, 1 on 12" main, 3 bad joint leaks, 1 broken hydrant, 72 services in street renewed, 56 services on private property renewed and repaired 84 services in street repaired, 8 hydrants replaced and reset, 8 hydrants repaired, 123 meters repaired, 87 meters repaired in service.

Main Line Extension

During 1956 the water division laid 2426 feet of new water mains most of this work was extensions in new developments, however 413 ft. was an extension of the 12" belt line.

Water Division Report for 1956

2426	Linear feet new mains laid
2959	Linear feet mains relaid
9498	Linear feet services laid
130	New services laid
72	Services in street renewed
51	Services in private property renewed
5	Services in private property repaired
84	Services in street repaired
106	Services cleaned
138	Services turned off & on-repairs-vacancies etc.
99	Emergency leaks investigated
16	Leaks in main line repaired
7566	Water services Active 7432
37	Curb & gate box reset
5	Additional hydrants set
20	Additional gates set
562	City hydrants
6	Private hudrants
1685	Gates on mains
7	Gates replaced
8	Hydrants replaced and reset
557	Hydrants flushed and inspected
8	Hydrants repaired
32	Fire services Active 28

Main line extension cont'd.

107	New meters set on new services
72	New meters replace old meters discarded
12	New meters replace meters to be repaired-returned to stock
123	Meters repaired
85	Old meters discarded
87	Meters repaired in service
315	Special meter readings
7387	Meters in service
6	Services abandoned
186	New meters purchased

MECHANICAL DIVISION

Burton J. Shaughnessey, foreman mechanic heads the Mechanical Division which maintains the cities motorized equipment except that of the Fire, Park and Cemetery Departments.

During 1956 the following changes were made in the motorized equipment of the Public Works Department.

Added

1) 2 New three ton chassis Fords with Garwood Rubbish bodies.

2) 1 New three ton chassis Dodge with Woodside hydraulic crane.

3) 1 New dump body for 1½ ton chassis Chevrolet

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Plans and specifications were completed early in the year for a new elementary school on the Beebe lot on West Emerson Street to replace the present Gooch School, Valtz and Kimberley as architects. Bids were taken and a contract was made with Concrete Construction Company of Everett in March and the building at the end of 1956 was nearly 90% completed.

The area and immediate neighborhood have accepted the location of this school and the building as developed with complete enthusism. It is expected that occupation will take place in March, 1957.

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STATISTICS
CITY OF MELROSE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Location	7 miles north of Boston
Population January 1, 1956	29,304
Number of Voters	14,658
Greatest extent of City, east and west	2.85 miles
Greatest extent of City, north and south	2.44 miles
Valuation of Real Estate	45,642,800.00
Valuation of Personal Property	3,392,650.00
Tax Rate per thousand	58.00
Area of City:	
Land	3,079.50 acres
Water	35.50 acres
Length of Public Streets	66.09
Length of Private Streets	10.35
Length of Water Mains	81.25
Length of Sewer Mains	70.46
Range of pressure on mains	23-96 lbs.
Number of 1000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	1176
Number of 1000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANUG	5
Number of 2500 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	66
Number of 2500 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANUG	1
Number of 6000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	28
Number of 6000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANUG	38
Number of 10000 Lumen Incandescent Lights MNUG	1
Number of 11000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANUG	2
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANUG	65
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights MNUG	18
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANOH	1
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANOH	11
Number of 11000 Lumen Mercury Vapor ANOH	2
Number of 20000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANOH	8
Number of 1000 Lumen Lights ANOH	1
Number of 1000 Lumen Lights ANOH	3

Area of Parks:	
Bowden Park	.62
Colby Park	.90
Ell Pond Park	34.41
Horace Mann Park	.60
Lebanon Street Playground	.95
Lincoln School Playground	1.60
Melrose Common	4.40
Messengers Meadow Playground	2.89
Middlesex Fells	170.00
Mount Hood	225.00
Pine Banks	81.80
Sewall Woods Park	9.00
Conant Park	4.80
Wyoming Cemetery	43.50

Elevation, Main Street at City Hall - 61 feet above mean tide.
Elevation, Franklin Square - 85 feet above mean tide.

PERSONNEL

There is a very definite dropping off in applications for employment for the operating division and with retirements and resignations it is becomming difficult to obtain qualified men for some of our operations.

CONCLUSION

It is again gratifying to record the splendid example of cooperation of the personnel of the Public Works Department with the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen and the several other boards, committees, commissions and individuals and to express appreciation for the consideration which those outside have given our department.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen S. Weeks
Engineer and Superintendent
Public Works Department

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Recreation Commission respectfully submits its report for the year 1956.

Present membership and organization: John T. Brady, Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Restall, Clerk; Herbert R. Corey; Lewis H. Keith; John M. Kirk; Howard R. True; one vacancy.

Melrose now has a year-round tax supported program of recreational activities well planned and capably directed and supervised. Although classified as a part-time employee, the director's work is spread over twelve months.

While the major part of the program is devoted to the needs of children and teen agers, there are some activities for adults and plans are being made for more.

Participation in the various activities reached an all time high during the year, a proof of popular appeal. The expanded summer playground program attracted a total of more than 32,000 children and 12,525 were transported to and from the M.D.C. swimming pool at Stoneham.

During the first and last quarters of the year, the participation figure for league basketball for teen agers, boys and girls, exceeded 2,300 and the total for adult activities was close to 5,000.

Attention is called to the specific figures for different phases of the program in the appended report of the Recreation Director.

Spectator interest in the activities also showed a great increase, indicating enthusiastic public approval.

A new development during the year is the Wehowet Archers of Melrose. This club was organized in August and given hearty support by the commission. The membership includes adults and children.

An outdoor shooting range was provided in the Ell Pond area through the co-operation of the Park Department and the program was continued into the winter at the Melrose High School gymnasium.

This commission thus recognized and aided the growing national interest in the ancient sport of archery, and it will be incorporated into the summer playground program for 1957 under careful supervision.

Two recommendations were made to His Honor, the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen.

1--That a study and investigation be made to determine if contamination of the water in Ell Pond can be eliminated to make it again safe for public bathing and re-

vival of a summer aquatic program there.

2--That the Horace Mann playground be transferred from the School Department to the Park Department, and that it be improved and enlarged by the purchase, o r taking, of vacant land adjacent to it.

The successful organization and operation of the mens' softball league, boys and girls basketball leagues, the Ski School and other activities would hardly have been possible without the assistance of a large number of volunteers who served as team managers, coaches, supervisors, etc.

Especially noteworthy was the co-operation of the Melrose Hickory Hawks Ski Club that provided twenty instructors for the skiing classes with a peak enrollment of nearly 200. The Commission is deeply appreciative of this splendid public service.

Our expanding recreation activities have meant greater use of school facilities. For example, gymnasiums were used ninety-six times during the year by the boys and girls basketball leagues. And with planned further expansion of the recreation program the schools can be used to good advantage for many other activities.

The Commission appreciates the hearty co-operation of His Honor, the Mayor, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, the Park Department, and the School Department.

The report of the Director of Recreation follows.

Respectfully submitted
for the
Recreation Commission

John T. Brady

John T. Brady
Chairman

Mr. John T. Brady, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Recreation Commission

Gentlemen:

May I present my annual report for the year 1956.

1956 Annual Report

The following report will, of necessity, include fundamentally the same activities as heretofore included in the 1955 report plus any new activities it was found possible to organize.

At the outset, it should be said that in spite of a limited budget the many activities reached a larger number of participants in 1956 than before and at an economical ratio. A study of the following attendance figures, which do not come under special appropriations, together with expenses for same will bear this out.

Activity	Atten. '56	Exp. '56	Request '57	Atten. '57
Playground Program and:	27,000	473.37	525.00	28,500
Special trips	450			500
Special Tournaments	75			100
Field days	300			300
Pet Show	365			400
Doll Carriage Parade	360			400
Softball, players,spect.	2,456	195.56	225.00	2,456
Tennis	630	55.65	65.00	650
Basketball	2,385	386.08	395.00	2,450
Archery	2,500	84.76	135.00	3,000
Stagemobile	525	75.00	75.00	600
Ski School	1,050	51.29	62.00	1,200
Handcraft	1,483	245.68	275.00	1,500
Square Dance	39,579		125.00	500
Junior Camera Club			60.00	
Casting Club			40.00	

Activities, other than the attention to office details, under direct supervision are: the playground program, handcraft, bus transportation to the M. D. C. Swimming Pool, basketball for high schools boys, basketball for high school girls, men's softball, Stagemobile, Pet Show, Doll Carriage Parade, Costume Parade, tennis instruction, tennis tournaments, ski school, archery club, Fourth of July, and Halloween parties.

Playground Program

The playground program began on June 27, 1956, and continued for nine weeks or forty-five days, of which five days were rained-out.

The staff consisted of 13, of which 5 were with the program for the third year; 3 for the second year; and 5 for the first year.

It is always necessary to look at the staff with the degree of success of the whole program. It is also impossible to procure a one hundred percent satisfactory staff, especially amongst the men. Of the thirteen persons on the staff, eleven did a fine job.

Attendance figures were up in general and comparisons will be found in the following table:

1956 Playground Attendance - 40 days

	Boys	Av.	Girls	Av.	Total	Daily Av.
Common	5,217	130.5	3,564	89.	8,781	219.50
Conant	1,376	34.4	753	18.8	2,129	53.20
Hesseltine	2,150	53.75	1,679	41.9	3,829	95.65
Lebanon	2,262	56.55	1,714	43.45	3,976	100.00
Lincoln	1,738	43.5	1,433	35.75	3,171	79.25
Messengers	2,670	66.75	2,271	56.78	4,941	123.53
	15,413	385.45	11,414	285.68	26,827	671.13

Handcraft Shop Total - 1483.4
42 days for an average of 37.7 daily.

Comparative Averages

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Common	(2) 95	(1)117	(1)170.1	(1)151.2	(1)219.5
Messengers	(6) 45	(6) 60	(5) 91.2	(3) 95.3	(2)123.5
Lebanon	(5) 49	(3) 76	(3) 95.9	(4) 92.3	(3) 99.4
Hesseltine	(4) 51	(4) 68	(4) 93.4	(2) 97.5	(4) 95.5
Lincoln	(1)115	(2)101	(2)115.1	(5) 91.6	(5) 79.3
Conant	(3) 56	(5) 64	(6) 74.5	(6) 54.7	(6) 53.3
	411	486	640.2	582.5	670.4

Buses

Daily average 230.5 - Total 12,525 riders

Tags issued	1954	1955	1956
Total - 3353, 1956	1746 tags	855 tags	752 tags

The activities were little different from those of previous years except at the Common and Messengers, where an outstanding job was done. Priscilla Hoyt and Richard Burnham at the Common were continually burdened by the largest attendance of any playground. With an attendance of over two hundred youngsters daily, two leaders are not enough. On Messengers playground, Sally Ward did a fine job in planning and carrying out an interesting and well-enjoyed program.

Baseball was one of the most popular organized sports amongst the twelve year old boys, with a league of six teams playing thirty games during the season. Tennis classes were conducted at Common, Lincoln and Messengers. Tournaments were played at Common.

Croquet was introduced and a set was taken to different playgrounds for on-the-spot tournaments and matches each week.

Many trips to beaches or nearby picnic areas were taken by the smaller children under the supervision of the play leaders assisted by junior leaders. These included a trip to Fenway Park by nearly 170 boys and girls as guests of the Red Sox.

The following is a summary of the many activities embraced by this department during the summer: treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, clean-up contests, handcraft, educational trips, hiking, circle and line games, individual contests, track and field, tennis, horseshoes, tetherball, baseball, softball, tag football, variety of tag games, story-telling, circuses, dramatic plays and skits, berry picking, checker tournaments, horseshoe tournaments, croquet tournaments, bean bags, jump rope, bounce ball, P.G. ball, costume and doll carriage parades, penny hikes.

Special city tournaments were organized for the finalists representing the various area champions in tennis singles, croquet singles, croquet doubles, horseshoe singles, horseshoe doubles, checkers and tetherball. Prizes were awarded the winners and the recipients were declared the city champions.

Tennis Clinic and Classes

Beginning in May, tennis classes were organized together with a clinic presided over by Joseph Corish, Chairman of the New England Lawn Tennis Association. The classes and clinic were well-attended with an original registration of over a hundred. Paul Conway, Herbert Giffen, Sheila McFadden, and Bette Dunbar gave invaluable assistance in helping with instruction.

Rain almost every Saturday somewhat spoiled the effectiveness of the program, causing a fall off in attendance. Nevertheless, a splendid group of girls stayed with the program whenever it was possible to play.

The usual tournaments were run-off in September for the two classes, A and B. Notices were sent to all schools and registration was held. Rain again caused several postponements, but the matches were finally completed late in September. Mary Ford, a previous winner in Class B, was the 1956 Class A champion, and Vivian Jarrett was the Class B champion.

Firearm Safety Course

The director endeavored to assist by sponsoring a class in the safe use of firearms under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Conservation in late September.

Officials were contacted, conferences were held and an instructor in the person of George Rogers signed up on loan from the Police Department. The use of the high school facilities was procured and all plans set.

However, after all the preparations, not enough high school boys were interested and the school had to be dropped. There was only one boy who applied.

Riflery in the Summer Program was planned. Investigation of the possibility of holding riflery classes on certain mornings was made at the Armory. Again, Captain MacWilliams was willing to loan the services of George Rogers as coach and instructor, but the expense would have been too great for rental of the Armory, purchase of guns, and ammunitions. This had to be dropped due to the lack of funds.

Handcraft

The handcraft program was again very successful under the direct supervision of Joseph Cody, art teacher at Coolidge School.

The kindergarten room on the first floor was used as a handcraft room where each afternoon the children met for work.

Each morning the box of handcraft materials was taken to a playground on a circuit plan. There, all children interested were furnished materials free, up to ten cents worth. If a child desired to make things of more value, he paid for it in excess of that ten cents.

The shop was open for forty-two days, with an average daily attendance of 38, and a total for the summer - 1483 boys and girls.

As a fitting culmination to the program, the annual exhibition and contest was held between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on August 3, 1956.

Competition was held in the following categories: decoration of paper plates and glass, gimp work, clay modeling, soap carving, pot holders, oil painting, water colors, chalk drawing, crayon drawing, scratch crayon, leaf printing, copper work, potato printing, and paper sculpture.

Buses to M.D.C. Swimming Pool

To substitute for the lack of swimming facilities in Melrose, the annual contract was let out to the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co. for buses to take the children to the M.D.C. pool in Stoneham.

The contract was signed for fifty-five days, beginning June 25, 1956, at $36.00 per day.

12,525 youngsters used the services of the buses during the 50-day period at an average of 230 daily. Seven hundred fifty-two tags were issued in 1956 for a total of 3,353.

Trips were omitted on five days due to inclement weather. The people at the Massachusetts Street Railway were very accommodating and helpful in many ways.

Boys' Inter-Church Basketball League

Again, it was my opinion that there were many boys and girls of high school age, not on varsity teams, who would like to play basketball for recreation. To that end a league was organized on a church basis in that nine churches joined the organization as follows: First Baptist, First Congregational, First Methodist, Green Street Baptist, Highlands Congregational, Hillcrest Congregational, St. Mary's C.Y.O., Trinity Episcopal, and Unitarian.

There are over 115 boys taking advantage of this opportunity, playing a schedule of seventy-two games and a series of play-off games.

It is one of our most successful programs.

The basketball activities start in December, games being played each Wednesday and Thursday evenings at

Roosevelt School gymnasium, with a series of games of each month played at the high school so that spectators may be admitted. The scheduled games end in April at which time, a series is played between the first four teams for the championship. Team one plays team three and team two plays team four.

The winner of the regular league schedule in 1956 was St. Mary's C.Y.O. and the play-off winner was Green St. Baptist.

Girls' Inter-Church Basketball League

Like the boys' league, the girls' league was equally successful in 1956, the first year of its organization. There were seven teams playing each Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Coolidge school gymnasium. There was much enthusiasm and the experiment so successful that eight teams registered their applications in December 1956. Hillcrest dropped out and Most Blessed Sacrament took their place.

The following teams constitute the league at present: First Baptist, First Congregational, First Methodist, Green Street Baptist, Highlands Congregational, Most Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's C.Y.O., and Universalist - Unitarian merger.

There are 130 girls in the league. Paralleling the boys league in policy, once each month a weekly series of games are played at the high school court when spectators are invited. Play-offs are scheduled to be played in early April.

Municipal Men's Softball League

Early in March, a meeting is called to organize the men's softball league and to talk over rules and regulations which will improve the league.

Applications from nine teams were accepted to play in the 108-game schedule in 1956. The nine teams involved 200 men.

The league is a member of the Amateur Softball Association of America, as is each team by virtue of paying dues. The A.S.A. serves by appointing accredited umpires.

The recreation director is the local softball commissioner, as well as league supervisor and by virtue of the fact, is confronted with the necessity of making important decisions concerning the league.

After the regular schedule is completed, there

comes the play-offs.

As usual, it has been difficult to complete these games before darkness interferes. This has led to some disputes. In each case, Malden authorities have come to the rescue and donated the use of a lighted field.

For the second year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars team has won in the play-offs, the Witches winning the regular season schedule.

Melrose received some renown in softball circles as a result of First Methodist team going all the way to the finals in the Metropolitan Class B championships. Although giving an excellent account of themselves, they lost out in the final game.

Field Days

This was the second year in which separate field days were held for boys and girls. These were held Tuesday, August 21, and August 23.

The races and contests were the culmination of area track and field meets in which local playground champions were picked. The champions in some twenty events were sent to the big field day on the athletic field where they competed for the city championships.

About 175 boys and 150 girls competed in the various dashes, field events, and specialty races.

Ribbons were awarded the three winners of each event with a tally kept as to what playground scored highest.

Lollypops were given to all youngsters present. The Park Department furnished transportation to and from the field.

Stagemobile

The Community Recreation Service's "Stagemobile" was sponsored by the Melrose recreation department on Thursday, August 2, at the high school athletic field. The show was viewed by a combined group of 675 youngsters at the morning and afternoon performances.

A group of forty-five boys and girls from the Cambridge Community Center attended the afternoon show under the supervision of Mr. Jefferson, director and nine leaders of the day camp.

Most of those present were transported by p a r k department trucks from the most distant playgrounds.

The two, one-hour plays at 10:00 a.m. and a t 2:00 p.m. were "Little Red Riding Hood" in the morning and "The Pied Piper of Hamlin" in the afternoon.

The fee for the two performances was $75.00.

Pet Show

The annual pet show was held on Tuesday evening August 14, on the Melrose Athletic Field with 375 people in the stands and 65 youngsters competing.

The usual categories were cats, dogs, and miscellaneous pets, ranging from parakeets to white mice.

Prizes were awarded to the first three winners in each class and consolation ribbons given to losers. Lollypops were given to all contestants.

Judges were: Mrs. Clifford Olson, Mrs. A l i c e Hanson, and Mr. Lewis Keith, recreation commissioner.

Doll Carriage and Costume Parades

Over 360 spectators were entertained on Tuesday, August 14, at the athletic field as seventy-five youngsters from the city playgrounds paraded in the recreation department's annual decoration contest.

There were fourteen doll carriages decorated by girls in the A and B classes. Class A was for girls who decorated their carriages without assistance and Class B for those who received help in decorating the carriages.

Approximately forty boys and girls paraded in the costume contest.

This was the first year in which decorated bicycles were entered for competition. There were thirteen entered in this division.

The judges were Mrs. Lewis Keith, Mrs. Henry Restall, and Miss Bertha Davis for carriages; John Brady and Joseph Cody, bicycles; and Elizabeth Storer, Mrs. John Brady, and John Kirk, costumes.

Annual Ski School

The end of the 1955 - '56 school came on March 10,

when tests were given and some thirty-six boys and girls who passed were awarded certificates.

Registration for the 1956 - '57 ski school sponsored jointly by the recreation department and the Melrose Hickory Hawks was held at the City Hall on Saturday, December 15, 1956. Over one hundred younsters signed up at that time. Subsequent registrants brought the total to 194. However, the average attendance, when there was snow, was over one hundred each Saturday morning.

Obviously, when conditions were right the interest was high. Twenty different instructors from the Hickory Hawks assisted in teaching the classes. These were broken down into beginners, intermediates, and advanced classes.

It was not possible to use the hall at Mount Hood every Saturday morning, but when it was possible, interesting films on skiing were shown.

Too much can not be said in appreciation for the unselfish and devoted instruction given by the various members of the Hickory Hawks ski club.

Archery, A New Activity

A note put in the Free Press of July 21, 1956, requesting names of interested persons brought results.

Twenty-seven persons appeared at an archery club organization meeting on August 2.

The director with the help of Mr. Russell Berg of this city, did much of the early planning for this fascinating and one of America's fastest growing sports.

With the splendid nucleus, both adult and youth, and the pledged support of the recreation department and the park department; the club progressed rapidly into a full-fledged organization, having constitution, by-laws, and customary officers.

At the present writing, there are seventy members, many of which have continued to shoot indoors all winter in the high school gymnasium.

The park department, through Mr. Brady's influence, reconditioned a room in the old bath house and installed a new door for use as a target house. Regular shoots took place at any time good weather prevailed and continued into cold weather. An inter-club tournament was held in October 1956 on the athletic field, at which time 40 members participated.

The club is still growing and it is expected will add many more members as warm weather approaches.

Suggestions

Different suggestions for improvement gleaned from the various staff members and myself are as follows:

1. Controlled badminton, that is, supervised in that equipment is not issued at request. Badminton rackets and shuttle cocks are too frail and expensive to be made general in use.
2. Archery introduced in the Playground Program.
3. Dramatics and singing taught and supervised.
4. More stress put on the use of junior leaders.
5. Square dancing included in the summer program. Also, special square dancing for the 20 plus group during the winter.
6. Class "B" baseball league on a "little league" basis.
7. Purchase some tennis rackets to be controlled by instructors for those who can not afford them.
8. Leaders at the Common not to be used to assist in the handcraft shop.
9. Add one leader and have two assistants on the "Common" playground.
10. Install a second tether ball pole at Conant.
11. Parents' committees at each play area.
12. Request a new back-stop at Lebanon.
13. Request more steady volley-ball posts at Lebanon.
14. Install two basketball back-boards at Lebanon.
15. Reorganize a senior basketball league for the summer.
16. Reactivate the canoeing and water safety course started in 1955.
17. Add chess to tournaments.

18. Add table tennis tournaments to the summer program.

19. Investigate the possibility of junior camera clubs.

20. Also, start a fly and plug casting club.

21. Riflery possible at the armory.

22. Use efficiency tests on the playgrounds.

Financial Statement

Salaries and Wages		
Appropriated		$7783.35
Expenditures	$7778.41	
Balance	4.94	
Other Expenses		
Appropriated		2011.77
Expenditures	2009.20	
Balance	12.57	
Celebrations		
Appropriated		575.00
Expenditures	531.62	
Balance	43.38	
(Fourth of July and Hallowe'en)		
Buses to Swimming Pool		
Appropriated		2000.00
Expenditures	1800.00	
Balance	200.00	
Office Furniture		
Appropriated		50.00
Expenditures	50.00	
Balance	--	
Transportation, Director		
Appropriated		50.00
Expenditures	36.33	
Balance	13.67	

I would like to take this opportunity to thank His Honor, the Mayor, the Honorable Aldermen, members of the Recreation Commission, and members of many other departments and citizens who have most generously given of their time in assisting in the different recreation events.

Respectfully submitted,
C. V. Tousley
C. V. Tousley
Recreation Director

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

January 31, 1957

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Board of Registrars of Voters for the year 1956 is herewith submitted.

As required by law, the Registrars caused lists to be made of all persons twenty years of age and older found to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1956. The number so listed was as follows:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,174	1,323	1,670	1,715	1,154	1,250	1,195	1,539	1,371	1,713

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,311	1,205	1,073	1,342	814	19,758

Concurrently with the annual listing a determination was made on the total population of Melrose as of January 1, 1956, as follows:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,791	1,847	2,441	2,472	1,694	1,846	1,667	2,312	2,029	2,539

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,935	1,792	1,660	2,020	1,259	29,304

Lists containing the names of all male persons twenty years of age and older found by the Registrars to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1956, to the number indicated below, were transmitted to the Assessors, a s required by law:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
533	549	777	775	524	558	488	690	640	780

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
589	568	498	616	379	8,964

Questionnaires were sent to 225 female persons and to 300 male persons for the purpose of determining their qualifications for jury service. From the replies to these questionnaires received 125 female persons and 246 male persons, making a total of 371, were found to be qualified and their names were included in the jury list.

The names of 184 enrolled voters of the Democratic party and 139 enrolled voters of the Republican party were determined by the Registrars to be those of persons qualified for service as election officers, and a list containing the names of such persons was transmitted to His Honor, the Mayor, as required by law.

Applications for registration for voting were received during regular business hours, except for periods preceding the presidential primaries, state primaries and state election when registration was required by law to cease, and at seventeen special evening sessions. During the year the names of 2,490 persons were added to the

general and current annual registers of voters.

The names of 1,248 persons found to be no longer qualified to vote by reason of removal from the city, death or other causes were stricken from the register of voters.

The number of persons whose names were included in the current annual register of voters as of December 31, 1956, was:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,050	1,067	1,470	1,492	1,043	1,032	989	1,394	1,178	1,365

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,053	1,065	925	1,121	640	16,884

In addition, 66 residents of Melrose serving in the armed forces were qualified, either on direct application or on application of their kindred, for voting by absent voting ballot at the state election, making the total of duly registered and qualified voters as of December 31, 1956, 16,950.

The ratio of duly registered voters to population in 1956 was 57.62%.

Signatures appearing on nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at the presidential primaries, state primaries and state election were certified as being those of duly registered voters of the city of Melrose to the number of 2,367.

The names of 657 persons making application for absent voting ballots for the state election, including 186 persons serving in the armed forces, from whom, or in whose behalf, applications for official war ballots were received, were certified as being those of duly registered or qualified voters of the city of Melrose.

The total number of sessions held by the Registrars of Voters during the year 1956 was 44.

The sum of $607.00 was received for 607 copies of the Street Lists, at $1.00 each, sold during the year.

Edward J. Murphy
Edward J. Murphy, Chairman

Charles E. Holt
Charles E. Holt

Fergus W. Griffin
Fergus W. Griffin

Raymond H. Greenlaw
Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Retirement Board of the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its 20th Annual Report covering the transactions of the System for the year ended December 31, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur M. Goddard Chairman

Robert L. Hatchinson

Walter Jones Secretary

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31, 1956

Amount of Ledger Assets Dec. 31, 1955			$579,825.30
	INCOME		
From Members:			
Regular contributions:			
Group A	$ 34,493.82		
Group B	16,430.82	$50,924.64	
Voluntary additional contributions,			
Group A	1,239.18		
Late entry payments			
Group A	79.63	1,318.81	
Re-deposits			
Group A	50.71		
Group B	132.60	183.31	
From employer:			
Contributions to Pension Fund	44,524.00		
Contribution for Expenses	1,750.00	46,274.00	
Reimbursement from other system	288.60	288.60	
From interest:			
-Gross interest on bonds and dividends on stock	15,546.89		
-Gross interest on cooperative shares, less $361.45 accrued interest on shares acquired during the year	3,199.05		
-Gross interest on deposits in trust companies and banks	425.00	19,170.94	
Accrued interest on bonds Dec. 31, 1956		4,231.22	
Gross increase by adjustment of Ledger Assets;			
Bonds by amortization	48.83		
Stocks per schedule 2	2,581.00	2,629.83	
Total Income			125,021.35
TOTAL AVAILABLE RECEIPTS			$ 704,846.65

		Amount Brought Forward	$704,846.65
		DISBURSEMENTS	
Annuity payments:			
Regular		$2,988.25	
Ordinary and Accidental disability		566.88	
Additional on account of voluntary contributions		211.44	
Annuity payments to beneficiaries of deceased annuitants under Opt.(c) and (d)		576.92	
Pension Payments:			
Option (a)	7,499.24		
Option (b)	25,632.75	33,131.99	
Survivorship payments:			
Option (d)	2,823.85	2,823.85	
Disability pension payments:			
Accidental	17,653.14	17,653.14	
Pension reimbursements paid to other systems		93.56	
Refunds:			
Withdrawals from Annuity Savings Fund:			
Deaths	.00		
All Others	4,242.05	4,242.05	
Transfer of Members' accounts to other systems:			
Group A	299.45	299.45	
Administrative Expenses:			
Salaries	1,000.00		
Medical Fees	75.00		
Printing and stationery	130.21		
Postage, telephone, etc.	19.42		
Travel, association dues	55.24		
Safe Dep. rent, Premium on bonds	57.50		
Miscellaneous	30.70	1,368.07	
Accrued interest on bonds, Dec. 31, 1955		4,234.27	
Gross decrease by adjustment of ledger assets:			
Bonds by amortization	227.46		
Stocks per schedule 2	813.00		
Due from governmental unit for Military Service	100.00	1,140.46	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			69,330.33
		BALANCE	635,516.32

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1956

ASSETS			LIABILITIES	
Book Value of Bonds	438,128.95		Annuity Savings Fund	$427,734.90
Stocks	47,958.00	486,086.95	Annuity Reserve Fund	59,809.62
Book Value of Coop. Shares		120,000.00	Special Fund for Military Service	6,091.51
Deposits in Trust companies and banks not on interest		5,198.15	Pension Fund	141,076.49
Deposits in Trust companies and Banks on interest		20,000.00	Expense Fund	803.80
Accrued interest on bonds		4,231.22		
TOTAL LEDGER ASSETS		$ 635,516.32	TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 635,516.32

SCHEDULE OF BONDS DECEMBER 31, 1956

Government	Due	Percent	Book Value Dec. 31, 1956
U. S. Savings, Series G	Feb. 1957	2½	$ 5,000.00
" " " "	June 1957	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Feb. 1958	"	5,000.00
" " " "	July 1958	"	7,000.00
" " " "	Sept 1958	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Dec. 1958	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Feb. 1959	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Feb. 1959	"	24,000.00
" " " "	July 1959	"	3,000.00
" " " "	Oct. 1959	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Nov. 1959	"	4,000.00
" " " "	Feb. 1960	"	25,000.00
" " " "	Dec. 1960	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Jan. 1961	"	3,000.00
" " " "	Oct. 1961	"	5,000.00
" Treasury	Nov. 1961	"	7,854.57
" Savings Series G	Sept 1963	"	6,000.00
" " " K	Feb. 1967	2.76	10,000.00
The Twelve Federal Land Bk.	Sept 1972	3.7/8	5,970.00
	Total Governments		$ 140,824.57
Railroads			
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	Oct.1995	4	5,350.89
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	Mar.1992	4½	6,018.54
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	Aug.1985	3-1/8	4,018.73
Erie R. R. Co.	Oct.1964	3¼	5,116.91
Great Northern Rwy. Co.	Jan.2010	2-5/8	6,756.56
" " " "	Jan. 2000	3-1/8	994.08
" " " "	Jan.2000	3-1/8	5,964.74
Lexington & Eastern Ry.Co.	Apr.1965	5	3,262.34
" " "	Apr.1965	5	2,162.45
Louisville & Nashville R.R.	Apr.2003	2-7/8	4,936.53
N.Y.Central & Hudson River	July1997	3½	14,776.38
Northern Pacific Ry.	Jan.1997	4	9,960.71
Oregon-Washington R.R.	Oct.1960	3	5,038.78
Reading Co.	May 1995	3-1/8	5,005.84
Southern Pacific R.R.	Jan.1986	2-7/8	5,084.13
" "	Jan.1996	2-3/4	5,000.00
St.Louis,SanFranciscoRy.	Jan.1997	4	7,361.08
Texas & Pacific Rwy.	June2000	5	3,279.06
Virginian Railway, Ser. B	May 1995	3	5,295.00
	Total Railroads		$ 105,382.75

SCHEDULE OF BONDS DECEMBER 31, 1956
(continued)

Utilities	Due	Percent	Book Value Dec. 31, 1956
Arkansas Power & Light	Apr. 1985	3-3/8	$ 5,068.37
Boston Edison Co.	Dec. 1970	2-3/4	4,060.31
" " "	Apr. 1980	2-3/4	5,112.60
Central Maine Power Co.	May 1976	2-3/4	5,075.14
Consolidated Edison Co.ofN.Y.	June 1972	2-3/4	4,888.95
" " " "	Jan. 1984	3-3/8	5,212.89
Cons. Gas,Elec. Lt. & Pwr.	Jan. 1986	2-3/4	5,058.39
Detroit Edison Co. of Baltimore	Nov. 1976	3-3/8	5,225.52
Duquesne Light Co.	Aug. 1977	2-3/4	5,070.94
Indi anapolis Pwr. & Lt. Co.	Oct. 1979	2-7/8	5,173.83
No. Indiana Pub/ Serv. Co.	Aug. 1973	3-1/8	4,075.55
Ohio Power Co.	Oct. 1968	3¼	5,112.89
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	Dec. 1980	2-7/8	5,207.33
" " "	Dec. 1985	3-3/8	5,050.00
Pub. Serv. Co. of N. H.	Jan. 1973	3¼	5,275.43
Pub. Serv. Elec. & Gas.Co.	May 1980	2-3/4	5,069.11
Seattle Gas Co.	Jan. 1976	3-5/8	2,077.43
" " "	Jan. 1976	3-5/8	5,193.90
So. California Edison Co.	Feb. 1976	2-7/8	4,923.80
" " "	Sept 1965	3	5,085.91
Wisconsin Pwr. & Lt. Co.	Aug. 1971	3¼	2,080.32
" " "	Aug. 1971	3¼	3,120.48
" " "	Jan. 1971	3¼	5,171.04
American Tel. & Tel.	Apr. 1982	2-3/4	9,802.98
Illinois Bell Tel.	Jan. 1981	2-3/4	9,912.70
Mt. States Tel. & Tel.	May 1986	2-5/8	4,987.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Mar. 1974	3	5,204.84
" " "	Dec. 1977	3¼	5,000.00
New York, Tel. & Tel.	July 1982	2-3/4	9,748.71
New Jersey Bell. Tel.	July 1988	3-1/8	5,241.94
Northwestern Bell Tel.	June 1984	2-3/4-	4,669.53
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	Oct. 1986	2-7/8	5,169.44
" " "	Nov. 1979	3¼	4,912.67
Southern Bell Tel. & Tel.	July 1979	3	4,824.95
" " " "	July 1987	2-7/8	5,213.00
Southwestern Bell Tel.	Oct. 1985	2-3/4	9,843.24
Total Utilities			$ 191,921.63

Total Governments	$140,824.57
Total Railroads	105,382.75
Total Utilities	191,921.63
	$ 438,128.95

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS - DECEMBER 31, 1956

	No. of Shares	Market Value Dec. 31, 1956
The First National Bank of Boston	216	$14,904.00
Guaranty Trust Co. of New York	100	8,900.00
Merchants National Bank of Boston	100	4,100.00
" " " " Stk. Div.	16	656.00
Middlesex County National Bank, Malden,	105	5,145.00
" " " " " Stk.Div.	13	637.00
National Shawmut Bank, Boston,	120	5,760.00
Newton-Waltham Bank & Trust Co.,	50	2,275.00
Second Bank-State St. Trust Co., Boston,	45	2,880.00
Security Trust Co., Lynn, Mass.	37	2,701.00
Total Stocks		$ 47,958.00

SCHEDULE OF COOPERATIVE BANK SHARES
December 31, 1956

	No. of Shares	Book Value Dec. 31, 1956
Beverly Cooperative Bank, Paid-up	10	$ 2,000.00
Concord Cooperative Bank	80	16,000.00
Hyannis Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
Malden Cooperative Bank,	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	30	6,000.00
" " "	20	4,000.00
Mattapan Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
Meeting House Hill Cooperative Bank	20	4,000.00
" " " " "	10	2,000.00
Melrose Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
" " "	20	4,000.00
" " "	20	4,000.00
" " "	30	6,000.00
Merchants Cooperative Bank	20	4,000.00
Middleborough Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
Saugus Cooperative Bank	80	16,000.00
Stoneham Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
Wakefield Cooperative Bank	80	16,000.00
Waverly Cooperative Bank	80	16,000.00
Wellesley Cooperative Bank, matured,	10	2,000.00
		$ 120,000.00

MEMBERES RETIRED IN YEAR 1956

Name	Former Psition	Date Retired
Genevieve J. Creeley	Nurse (Health)	12/31/55
Annie M. McCormack, Ben. of Michael J. McCormack	Laborer	6/30/56
Ruth S. Winship	Asst. Library	7/31/56
Catherine Velmure (Ben. of George Velmure	Laborer	9/12/56
Abina T. Greelish, Ben. of Anthony J. Greelish	Laborer	11/1/56
Michael J. Murphy	Firefighter	11/30/56

RETIRED MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1956

Andrew W. H. Restall	Clerk	6/30/39
Walter H. Flanders, M. D.	School Physician	3/25/45

RETIRED MEMBERS AS OF DEC. 31, 1956

Arthur A. Hayden	Board of Health	12/19/38
Charles H. Shattuck	School Janitor	6/30/39
Ralph Hallahan	Truck Driver	10/20/40
Everard Martin	Laborer	6/29/41
George L. Stewart	Call Fireman	12/3 /41
Arthur H. Bright	Janitor	10/8/42
Bertha C. Lapham.	Clerk	6/5/44
Victor H. Kirmes	Laborer	11/28/44
Fred C. Fellows	Call Fireman	4/ 1/46
Philip C. Cassell	Laborer	5/ 3/46
George H. Cray	Superintendent	6/ 1/46
Eugene F. McCarthy	Foreman	4/ 3/46
Arthur J. Burke	Laborer	1/22/47
Paul V. DeFranco	Patrolman	5/ 5/47
Lillian B. Warren	Clerk	3/31/48
John E. Grace	Laborer	6/30/48
Ethel M. Hewson	Secretary	10/1/48
M. Eileen Dunlay	Clerk	9/15/48
George K. Lyons	Patrolman	9/25/48
Mary E. Ayers	Librarian	9/ 1/49
Michael Fahey	Laborer	7/31/50
Emily N. Osgood	Clerk	12/1/50
Elsie M. Ashmead	School Nurse	1/1/51
Julia A. Sullivan, Ben. of Julian T. Sullivan	Working Foreman	2/21/51
Clifton E. Bain	Fireman	11/8/51
Charles E. Van Riper	Senior Custodian	11/28/51
Fred C. Solberg	Laborer	2/29/52
Margaret M. Welch	Clerk	5/31/52
Harvey L. McGilley	Laborer	6/2/52
Paul W. Watson	Fireman	9/30/52
Janette K. Graham	Bookkeeper	2/6/53
Mary E. Donovan, Ben. of Edward J. Donovan	City Auditor	6/30/53
Astrid J. Abrahmson	Cafeteria Helper	7/14/53
Harry P. Lord	Laborer	1/9/54
Martin J. Armstrong	Working Foreman	2/27/54
Robert B. Toomey	Firefighter	4/3/54
Harry Leary	Laborer	4/9/54
William Damory	Tree Foreman	5/7/54
Wesley H. Murray	Sealer of W. & M.	5/31/54
James R. Findlay-	Foreman	9/15/54
Genevieve C. Walden, Ben. of Henry C. Walden	Lineman	10/1/54
Helen Coye, Ben. of Francis L. Coye	Laborer	12/26/54
George A. LeFave	"	4/22/55
Frank Gilmartin	"	10/31/55
Genevieve J. Creeley	Health Nurse	12/31/55
Annie M. McCormack, Ben. of Michael J. McCormack	Laborer	6/30/56

RETIRED MEMBERS AS OF DEC. 31, 1956
Continued

	Former position	Date Retired
Ruth S. Winship	Assistant Library	7/31/56
Catherine Velmure, Ben. of George Velmure	Laborer	9/12/56
Abina T. Greelish, Ben. of Anthony J. Greelish	Laborer	11/1/56
Michael J. Murphy	Firefighter	11/30/56

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 1956

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Membership December 31, 1955		298
Enrolled during 1956		20
	Total	318
Deduct: ceased by		
Death	2	
Withdrawal	18	
Retired	5	
Transferred to inactive	6	31
		287

INACTIVE MEMBERS

Inactive Membership, December 31, 1955	57
Retirements and transfers	12
	69
Deduct:	
Deaths and withdrawals	4
	65
Total Active and Inactive Membership, December 31, 1956	352

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT EARNINGS DURING 1956

Gross interest	$19,170.94
Less, net decrease by amortization	178.63
	18,992.31
Less, net decrease in Accrued Interest	3.05
Total earnings	18,989.26
Total interest required to maintain funds of System in accordance with law	12,365.68
Surplus	$ 6,623.58

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

CITY OF MELROSE

Year Ending December 31, 1956

Financial Summary - January 1, 1956 - December 31, 1956

	Requested by School Committee	Appropriated By Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances
Salaries $	1,155,134.00	1,155,134.00		1,155,134.00	1,154,301.67	832.33
Other General Expense	11,525.00	11,525.00		11,525.00	11,471.87	53.13
Textbooks and Supplies	61,806.00	61,806.00		61,806.00	61,769.56	36.44
Plant Maintenance & Operation	135,146.00	135,146.00	+ 7,000.00	142,146.00	139,910.15	2,235.85
Support of Athletics	15,898.00	15,898.00	+ 4,000.00	19,898.00	19,730.52	167.48
	1,379,509.00	1,379,509.00	11,000.00	1,390,509.00	1,387,183.77	3,325.23
Special Appropriations						
Out ofState Travel	450.00	450.00		450.00	450.00	
Adult Education	7,977.00	7,977.00	+ 520.00	8,497.00	7,356.10	1,140.90
	8,427.00	8,427.00	520.00	8,947.00	7,806.10	1,140.90
Carried Over from 1955						
High School Lawn & Drain Rep.	125.66	125.66		125.66		125.66
Interior Fire Alarms	900.00	900.00		900.00	387.90	512.10
Washington School Boilers	17,000.00	17,000.00	- 1,929.36	15,070.64	15,070.64	
Horace Mann Baseball Diamond	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,997.00	3.00
High School Driveway	1,800.00	1,800.00	- 1,800.00			
	21,825.66	21,825.66	- 3,729.36	18,096.30	17,455.54	640.76
GRAND TOTAL	1,409,761.66	1,409,761.66	+ 7,790.64	1,417,552.30	1,411,995.41	5,556.89

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Cost per Pupil, Average Membership, Fiscal Year 1956

	High	Elementary
General Control	$ 7,214.95	21,644.88
General Control, per pupil	5.84	5.60
Teachers' Salaries	334,339.14	720,245.99
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil	270.50	186.64
Textbooks	5,224.49	10,802.69
Textbooks, per pupil	4.23	2.80
Supplies	15,448.56	29,868.08
Supplies per pupil	12.50	7.74
Operation of School Plant	32,761.75	111,959.15
Operation of School Plant, per pupil	26.51	29.00
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	10,224.92	49,755.47
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, per pupil	8.27	12.59
New Furniture and Furnishings	1,645.24	10,024.13
New Furniture and Furnishings, per pupil	1.25	2.60
Other Expense	2,924.51	1,096.23
Other Expense, per pupil	2.37	.28

Tuition - Vocational and Evening Schools	$2,848.34
Transportation	$3,135.09

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose (Jan. 1, 1956)	29,304
Number of different pupils enrolled, exclusive of re-enrollment, school year 1955 - 1956	5,095
Number in High School	1,236
Number in Elementary Schools	3,859
Total approved school bills, fiscal year (Support)	$1,387,183.77
Amount expended for High School, fiscal year exclusive of General Control	402,568.61
Cost per pupil in High School based upon average membership, Jan. 1, 1956 - Jan. 1, 1957 (1,236)	325.70
Amount expended for Elementary Schools fiscal year exclusive of General Control	933,751.74
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1956 - Jan. 1, 1957 (3,859)	241.97
Amount expended for tuition (Vocational Schools)	2,848.34
Number of full-time High School teachers, including Principal January 1, 1956	59
Number of full-time Elementary School teachers, including Principals, January 1, 1956	160

DENTAL REPORT OF HEALTH TEACHER

School Year 1955-1956

Number of individual inspections	3,917
Number of notices sent	1,370
Number of home visits	376
Number of visits to Forsyth	24
Number of restorations	1,090
Number of x-rays	255
Number of surgical cases	36
Number of children treated	180

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Melrose, Massachusetts

Name	When Built	Valuation
Whittier	1884	$ 36,880
Gooch	1886	121,880
Warren	1892	55,550
Franklin	1896	137,220
Lincoln	1896	365,550
Washington	1896	243,880
Coolidge	1897	609,550
Roosevelt	1924	480,770
Ripley	1924	148,000
Winthrop	1926	403,495
High	1933	1,319,220
Horace Mann	1950	515,057

School Year	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from grammar school
1936-37	2,935	1,423	2,872.31	1,371.29	2,715.12	1,313.28	271	325
1937-38	2,923	1,438	2,827.05	1,421.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	324	308
1938-39	2,743	1,522	2,697.30	1,468.37	2,567.96	1,375.61	318	259
1939-40	2,785	1,453	2,732.18	1,429.19	2,612.83	1,363.96	331	286
1940-41	2,702	1,411	2,675.99	1,379.13	2,539.31	1,311.52	302	296
1941-42	2,695	1,392	2,610.29	1,365.20	2,491.33	1,290.64	332	320
1942-43	2,648	1,308	2,569.75	1,249.51	2,371.82	1,168.83	265	335
1943-44	2,546	1,249	2,474.18	1,216.49	2,295.11	1,135.55	288	311
1944-45	2,452	1,220	2,391.13	1,193.39	2,230.73	1,125.37	269	296
1945-46	2,532	1,223	2,447.29	1,175.46	2,287.43	1,106.65	261	325
1946-47	2,486	1,237	2,419.63	1,203.70	2,259.02	1,139.01	265	247
1947-48	2,485	1,159	2,419.45	1,133.40	2,256.17	1,070.04	283	257
1948-49	2,543	1,094	2,515.75	1,073.86	2,345.14	1,021.50	280	277
1949-50	2,646	1,051	2,500.00	1,037.06	2,427.84	983.04	260	294
1950-51	3,095	1,090	3,066.54	1,048.97	2,751.07	1,001.24	216	274
1951-52	3,200	1,078	3,095.24	1,047.14	2,824.01	985.65	233	271
1952-53	3,366	1,076	3,262.25	1,057.97	3,013.04	1,002.65	224	286
1953-54	3,517	1,144	3,473.74	1,117.91	3,216.28	1,089.08	263	292
1954-55	3,687	1,167	3,605.23	1,153.31	3,318.55	1,091.11	264	333
1955-56	3,859	1,236	3,765.19	1,206.45	3,516.72	1,152.52	257	352

Showing Enrollment, Attendance, etc., for the School Year Ending June 30, 1956

1. By Schools

School	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
High	1236	597	639	1209.45	1152.52	95.29
Coolidge	703	369	334	693.25	655.07	94.04
Franklin	236	125	111	233.30	221.25	94.83
Gooch	232	115	117	234.78	215.85	91.93
Lincoln	562	302	260	536.25	498.07	92.88
Horace Mann	347	178	169	343.46	326.73	95.12
Ripley	210	120	90	192.37	176.06	91.52
Roosevelt	414	196	218	407.06	386.88	95.01
Warren	116	61	55	109.00	99.49	91.27
Washington	436	227	209	422.95	394.11	93.18
Whittier	119	65	54	112.48	100.37	89.23
Winthrop	484	245	239	480.29	444.84	92.61
	5095	2600	2495	4974.64	4671.24	93.90

2. By Grades

Grade						
Post Graduate	3	2	1	2.40	2.23	92.96
Seniors	260	120	140	259.55	247.56	95.38
Juniors	290	136	154	281.34	267.63	95.13
Sophomores	312	143	169	303.89	290.22	95.50
Freshmen	371	196	175	362.27	344.88	95.20
Special	21	15	6	19.99	18.54	92.74
Eighth	380	193	187	372.15	353.72	95.04
Seventh	391	196	195	387.46	371.29	95.80
Sixth	345	171	174	338.20	323.28	95.57
Fifth	414	212	202	406.26	384.96	94.75
Fourth	420	206	214	417.45	403.07	96.55
Third	480	262	218	470.29	440.75	93.71
Second	460	242	218	446.03	416.65	93.41
First	428	209	219	414.83	384.17	92.60
Kindergarten	520	297	223	492.53	422.29	85.73
	5095	2600	2495	4974.64	4671.24	93.90

Showing Total Enrollment by Ages and Grades as of October 1, 1956

Age	Spec.	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PG	Total
4 to 5 yrs.		100														100
5 to 6 yrs.		420	76													496
6 to 7 yrs.		7	357	74												438
7 to 8 yrs.	2		20	298	90	1										411
8 to 9 yrs.	3		2	38	330	77										450
9 to 10 yrs.			1	5	30	360	102									498
10 to 11 yrs.	3				7	40	289	81								420
11 to 12 yrs.	3					2	35	275	79							394
12 to 13 yrs.	2						5	42	212	106	1					368
13 to 14 yrs.	4							9	34	241	124					412
14 to 15 yrs.	3							1	7	36	233	99				379
15 to 16 yrs.	5								1	7	48	194	90			345
16 to 17 yrs.	1									1	10	44	168	87		311
17 to 18 yrs.											1	9	32	148	2	192
18 to 19 yrs.												1	4	28	2	35
19 to 20 yrs.													2	3	2	7
20 to 21 yrs.															1	1
21 and over												1				1
Total	26	527	456	415	457	480	431	408	333	391	417	348	296	266	7	5258

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1956 follows:

	Not Sealed	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Scales	5	16	205	4
Gasoline Pumps	2	4	80	2
Oil Trucks	-	-	-	-
Bulk Plant Meters	-	-	2	-
Yard Sticks	-	-	1	-
	7	20	288	6

Trial Weighing and Measures
Commodities sold and put up for sale 93

Inspections:
Fibre cartons, fuel meters, food in packages, peddlers and junk licenses 57

Equipment:
In quantity and value, approximately the same as at the end of 1955

Cost of Department		Receipts of Department	
Salary	$1,323.04	Sealing Fees	$255.90
Other Expenses	319.12	Licenses	10.00
		Plates	1.25
	$1,642.16		$267.15

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar D. Knight

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Sealer

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Department of Veterans' Benefits and Services for year ending December 31, 1956:

General Administration
Salaries and Wages

Appropriation		
Budget	$ 8,690.45	
Expenditures		
Agent		$ 3,949.50
Clerks		4,740.76
Balance		.19
	$ 8,690.45	$ 8,690.45

General Administration
Other Expenses

Appropriation		
Budget	$ 1,000.00	
Expenditures		
Bills paid		$ 954.53
Balance		45.47
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Veterans' Benefits
(One-half of State Approvals to be refunded to City)

Appropriation		
Budget	$30,000.00	
Additional Appropriation Order #12015	3,000.00	
Additional Appropriation Order #12015A	1,500.00	
Refunds	14.42	
Expenditures		
Cash (Treasurer's Pay Roll)		$32,723.43
Balance		1,790.99
	$34,514.42	$34,514.42

Veterans' Burials
(One-half of State Approvals to be refunded to City)

Appropriation		
Budget	$ 150.00	
Expenditures		
Bills paid		None
Balance		150.00
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

Following is the annual report of the Department of Veterans' Services covering the calendar year of 1956. The Department is bound by law to furnish financial assistance to veterans of all wars and legal dependents who qualify under the terms of Chapter 115, General Laws of Massachusetts. In time of war the dependents of service men and women who may be in need are also eligible for aid. Under the terms of other laws the Department has a mandate to furnish to Veterans, their dependents and other kin, such information, advice and assistance as may be necessary to enable them to procure the benefits to which they may be entitled, relative to employment, vocational or other opportunities, hospitalization, medical care, pensions, compensation, insurance and veterans' benefits; have on hand current booklets and other printed matter pertaining to the statutory rights of war veterans provided by Federal and State laws. Close liaison must be maintained with the U. S. Veterans Administration, the Departments of the Army, Navy and Air, the Selective Service Boards, the Department of Labor, and other Federal agencies with which veterans and service men come in contact and the various departments of our State government. Close liaison is also maintained with the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and other organizations of veterans, the American Gold Star Mothers and like organizations and with all groups having an active interest in the welfare of veterans. In this report the services furnished which were not directly connected with the granting of financial aid is summarized under the title of Veterans' Services.

H. Leslie Lindsay

Agent and Director
Veterans' Benefits and Services

REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Wire Department for the year 1956.

Inspection of Wires.

Twelve hundred and sixty inspections were made on new work.
Four hundred and twenty-five inspections were made on oil burners.
One hundred and twenty-five inspections were made on defects.
Four hundred and twelve permits were made to the Suburban Electric Company allowing current to be turned on.

Fire Alarm System.

Nine hundred and ninety inspections of box movements were made.
Three miles of weatherproof wire were pulled.
Three hundred and seventy-five cross arms were installed.
Eleven new non-interfering succession fire boxes were installed.

Police Signal System.

Two miles of copper weatherproof wire were pulled.
One hundred and fifty batteries were installed in police boxes.
One hundred feet of tree molding were installed.
One hundred and twenty red lamps were renewed.
Twenty-five flood lights were renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley A. Riggs

Acting Inspector of Wires

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